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Trump denies knowing about Trump Tower meeting in advance

Michael Cohen, formerly a lawyer for President Trump, leaves his hotel Thursday, July 27, 2018, in New York. Cohen, claims Trump knew in advance about a Trump Tower meeting in June 2016 between a Russian lawyer, Trump's eldest son and aides.

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Trump and Putin's RSVP's: Yes, for sure, if, if if. ...

By MATTHEW LEE

AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rarely has an RSVP been so complicated.

President Donald Trump is open to visiting Moscow — if he gets a formal invitation from Vladimir Putin, the White House said Friday. Russian President Putin said he's game for a trip to Washington — but his answer came only after Trump retracted his invitation for a fall sit-down.

The awkward back and forth is the latest round of summit drama flowing from the two leaders' controversial first meeting in Helsinki this month. It underscores Trump's eagerness to forge a warmer relationship with Putin, though the Russian does not appear to share the urgency and Trump's allies in Washington are watching with frustration.

Trump's tentative yes to a Moscow trip comes even as lawmakers are still pushing for details about what he and Putin discussed in Helsinki. The president has been widely criticized for failing to publicly denounce Russia's interference in the 2016 U.S. election and appearing to accept Putin's denials of such activity.

Trump's response to the criticism — an abruptly announced invitation for a second meeting in Washington in the fall — got an ice-cold reception from Republicans in Congress facing tough elections in November. Moscow was



President Donald Trump, right, delivers remarks on the economy from the South Lawn of the White House, Friday, July 27, 2018, in Washington; and in this photo taken on Monday, July 16, 2018, Russian President Vladimir Putin, left, gestures while speaking at the Presidential Palace in Helsinki, Finland.

lukewarm and did not immediately accept.

Then National Security Adviser John Bolton said Wednesday that plans for a fall visit would be delayed until 2019. He cited special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian election meddling as the reason, using Trump's favorite term for the probe: "witch hunt."

But the possibility of a Trump trip to Moscow emerged Friday after Putin said he was ready to invite Trump — or to visit Washington if conditions are right. "I understand very well what President Trump said: He has the wish to conduct further meetings," Putin said while traveling in Johannesburg. "I am ready for this.

We are ready to invite President Trump to Moscow. By the way, he has such an invitation, I told him of this. I am prepared to go to Washington, but, I repeat, if the appropriate conditions for work are created."

White House press secre-

tary Sarah Huckabee Sanders responded that Trump "looks forward to having President Putin to Washington after the first of the year, and he is open to visiting Moscow upon receiving a reciprocal formal invitation."

But it's just talk at this point. It's part of "a power game between Putin and Trump," said Dr. Alina Polyakova of the Brookings Institution. She said the Kremlin basically drove the entire process in Helsinki, and "we're seeing that again now."

Trump is hardly in a strong position because "the Helsinki summit was such a fiasco," said James Goldgeier of the Council on Foreign Relations.

A Putin visit to Washington between now and January "could have a lot of poor optics," he said, and "it's really hard to see the upside" of a Trump trip to Moscow.

The spectacle of Trump in the Russian capital — the site of unproven salacious

allegations in an anti-Trump dossier compiled by a former British spy — was likely to raise eyebrows and alarm on Capitol Hill.

Just two days earlier, lawmakers from both political parties unsuccessfully demanded details of the Helsinki meeting from Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who stonewalled nearly all those inquiries at a contentious hearing by maintaining that the president has a right to private conversations. Since Helsinki, Trump has tried to walk back at least some of his comments.

And Pompeo told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that despite Trump's public statements that allegations of Russian interference are "a hoax" he accepts that Russia did meddle in the 2016 election.

Trump met Friday with his national security team to discuss threats to the 2018 congressional midterm elections, the first such session he has convened amid

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warnings from intelligence officials that Russia is again intent on interfering in the U.S. democratic process.

The White House released a statement saying Trump "made it clear that his Administration will not tolerate foreign interference in our elections from any nation state or other malicious actors."

Republican lawmakers have made it clear they are not eager to see Putin, who intelligence officials say was aware of the 2016 interference, just weeks before Election Day 2018.

Putin "will not be welcome" at the Capitol, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell told reporters.

House Speaker Paul Ryan said such invitations are reserved "for allies."

The Republican leaders appear to be increasingly relying on public signals, rather than private phone calls or Oval Office chats, to catch the White House's attention and communicate with Trump — especially when they are at odds with the president's approach or policies.

Ryan has said he did not speak to the president in the days after the Helsinki summit. Moscow has portrayed its tensions with Washington as a result of Trump being hobbled by domestic political disputes and a widespread "Russophobia" perpetrated by holdovers from the Obama years - echoing Trump's penchant to blame his predecessor for many problems. □

Mueller plans to call 35 witnesses in Manafort trial



In this March 8, 2018, file photo, Paul Manafort, left, President Donald Trump's former campaign chairman, walks with his wife Kathleen Manafort, as they arrive at the Alexandria Federal Courthouse in Alexandria, Va.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Special counsel Robert Mueller's office said Friday it plans to call 35 witnesses in the upcoming trial of President Donald Trump's former campaign chairman. The witnesses in the financial crimes case of Paul Manafort include former accountants, assistants and even friends. Among them is Rick Gates, a former Manafort deputy who pleaded guilty in Mueller's investigation earlier this

year and agreed to cooperate with investigators. Prosecutors on Mueller's team filed the witness list Friday in federal court in Alexandria, Virginia. Manafort's trial begins there Tuesday with jury selection.

Manafort is accused of routing millions of dollars in proceeds from Ukrainian political consulting work into offshore accounts and using the money to fund a lavish lifestyle. Other witnesses include Tad Devine,

a political consultant and strategist on Bernie Sanders' campaign — but also a participant in Manafort's Ukrainian political work, helping refurbish the image of Ukraine's disgraced former president Viktor Yanukovych. Prosecutors also plan to call Philip Ayliff, a longtime personal accountant for Manafort, and Wayne Holland, a real estate agent in Northern Virginia and a personal friend of Manafort. □

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Pressure mounting, former Trump 'fixer' turns aggressive

By JONATHAN LEMIRE, MICHAEL R. SISAK and ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The hiring of a Washington insider to be a public attack dog. Tantalizing leaks to the media. Puzzling allegations of actions that could fell a president. Talk of more to come.

What is Michael Cohen up to?

President Donald Trump's ex-lawyer has largely stayed out of the spotlight in the months since federal agents raided his office and hotel room and seized scores of records about his work for Trump. But this week, he has taken a sharply more aggressive and public turn, seeming to wage open warfare with the White House while weighing whether to cooperate with investigators. The moves suggest Cohen is looking for a way out of looming trouble. But his behavior doesn't quite line up with a clear strategy, legal experts say. And if his signals are aimed at Trump, they've largely served to infuriate the president.

Three days after Cohen's new lawyer, Lanny Davis, released a tape of Cohen and Trump talking about paying for Playboy model Karen McDougal's silence, the relationship splintered further Friday. That was after a CNN report that Cohen was willing to tell special counsel Robert Mueller that Trump knew in advance of a 2016 meeting at Trump Tower in which the Republican candidate's eldest son sought damaging information from a Russian lawyer about Hillary Clinton.

Trump on Friday vehemently repeated his denial that he knew about the meeting, which is at the center

of Mueller's probe, tweeting "NO," he "did NOT know of the meeting with my son, Don jr."

CNN cited anonymous sources saying Cohen was willing to share his information with Mueller, who is investigating possible collusion between Trump's campaign and Russia. Cohen does not have any evidence such as audiotapes verifying his claims, CNN's sources said.

Cohen's camp has denied being the source of the CNN report, the basic substance of which The Associated Press independently confirmed.

The specter of the potentially damaging information, which would run counter to months of denials and point toward a willingness to collude with a foreign power by Trump himself, again raised the possibility of what Cohen could deliver to prosecutors if he decides to cooperate.

Cohen has not yet decided to work with the federal prosecutors from the Southern District of New York, according to two people familiar with his thinking but not authorized to discuss private conversations.

The Justice Department has been investigating Cohen for months, raiding his home, office and hotel room in April in search of documents related to a \$130,000 payment the attorney facilitated before the 2016 election to Stormy Daniels, an adult-film actress who says she had sex with Trump in 2006. If Cohen, who specialized in making deals and making Trump's problems go away, were to cut a deal, he would do so with an eye toward eliminating or cutting his potential punishment. His lawyer, Davis, a Dem-

ocrat once known as a fierce defender of President Bill Clinton, would not comment on whether Cohen was fishing for a deal. "My observation is that it was an evolution that caused him to decide once Donald Trump was president that he had to tell truth and change his life," Davis told the AP. "He hit the reset button on his life and what he had done previously."

Those close to Cohen describe the lawyer, who has been holed up in a Manhattan hotel after a pipe burst in his apartment, as bewildered at the fast-moving events around him as he tries to look out for his family and make decisions about their future. Cohen has also been badly hurt by the president's public anger and is determined to hit back, according to two people familiar with this thinking.

There has been some speculation that Cohen may be angling for a pardon from Trump, who has begun wielding — and discussing — the presidential power frequently of late. But a person close to Cohen downplayed the possibility. Most people in comparable legal peril would be encouraged to stay out of the spotlight and communicate directly with prosecutors, not through the press, experts said.

Robert Mintz, a former federal prosecutor now in private practice, said Cohen "seems to be taking a page out of President Trump's playbook by having his lawyers aggressively respond in the media to attacks on his credibility and reputation." It's a "high stakes gambit" that could backfire if he's angling to become a cooperator, Mintz said.



In this Sept. 19, 2017, file photo, Michael Cohen arrives on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

"Prosecutors prefer to strike cooperation deals quietly and in private because they want to save the impact of any valuable testimony and information that a cooperating witness can offer until trial," he said.

Moreover, should Cohen choose to cooperate with investigators, including Mueller, it's not clear what information he has that they could not gather for themselves or have not already learned on their own. The Mueller team has been at work for 14 months. Defendants looking for lenient deals through their cooperation usually have better luck if they come through the government's door earlier in an investigation. Additionally, Cohen has made no public mention of Trump's knowledge of the Trump Tower meeting. If he mentioned the crucial detail to House investigators it was not included in their massive report on the matter.

That inconsistency was seized upon by Rudy Giuliani, the president's attorney. Giuliani, who called Cohen "an honest, honorable lawyer" as recently as

May, has made a sport out of bashing Cohen in recent days. On Friday he called Cohen "an incredible liar who's got a tremendous motive to lie now because he's got nothing to give."

Cohen frequently recorded his conversations, and prosecutors are believed to have dozens of them, including discussions with journalists, according to Davis.

Trump has been seething at Cohen since the recent tape's release, raging to confidants that he could not believe he was being betrayed by someone he worked with for a decade, according to a person familiar with the situation but not authorized to discuss private conversations.

The president publicly aired his grievances with a Friday tweet about Cohen, though he did not name him:

"Sounds to me like someone is trying to make up stories in order to get himself out of an unrelated jam (Taxi cabs maybe?). He even retained Bill and Crooked Hillary's lawyer. Gee, I wonder if they helped him make the choice!" □

Senators spar on access to Kavanaugh's staff secretary work

By JESSICA GRESKO

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than a decade after he served as what's been called the president's "inbox and outbox," Brett Kavanaugh's role as White House staff secretary to President George W. Bush has become a flashpoint as Republicans push his confirmation to the Supreme Court.

Democrats want to see records from the time, portraying the potentially millions of documents as vital to understanding his approach to the law. Republicans disagree and have accused Democrats of using the issue to try to delay Kavanaugh's confirmation. The debate could interfere with Republicans' goal of swiftly confirming President Donald Trump's pick for the court in time for the start of the new term Oct. 1. With the Senate control slimly held by Republicans 51-49, Democrats can't block Kavanaugh's nomination outright if Republicans hold together. Instead, Democrats are trying to delay the proceedings in hopes that time spent reviewing the judge's record could unearth fresh concerns to sway senators' opinions and upset voting. Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee tasked with holding hear-



In this July 26, 2018, photo, Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh meets with Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., on Capitol Hill in Washington.

ings on Kavanaugh's nomination, said this week that Democrats' "bloated demands are an obvious attempt to obstruct the confirmation process." And on Friday, after negotiations with Democrats failed to produce a consensus on what documents should be sought ahead of a hearing on Kavanaugh's nomination, Grassley went ahead with a request to the Bush library for documents related to his work for the White House. The request seeks documents from Kavanaugh's time in the White House Counsel's office but

not from his time as staff secretary.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said Thursday that Kavanaugh himself has portrayed his three years as Bush's staff secretary, from July 2003 to May 2006, as "the most interesting and, in many ways, among the most instructive" to his work as a federal appeals court judge.

Schumer said if Kavanaugh sees it that way, "why shouldn't the American people see what instructed him?"

For his part, Schumer on

Friday released a letter to former president Bush calling on him to authorize the release of "the complete record of Judge Kavanaugh's service in the White House." And Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., Democrats' leader on the Judiciary Committee, said her own request for the staff secretary documents was being blocked by the National Archives.

As staff secretary, Kavanaugh was the person who controlled the flow of documents to and from the president, including ensuring relevant people weighed

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in and channeling the president's questions and comments on that material to the right people. He was also a key part of the president's speechwriting process, helped put together legislation and worked on drafting and revising executive orders, he has said. He also traveled with the president, at points sitting in on meetings between the president and foreign leaders.

While Kavanaugh was staff secretary, Bush made a range of controversial decisions, including signing into law a partial-birth abortion ban and backing a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. Democrats say that time is relevant to Kavanaugh's views and philosophy as a judge.

But Republicans argue the staff secretary documents aren't useful because Kavanaugh's job wasn't to provide his own advice but to ensure others' views were presented to the president. They say the papers contain the most sensitive White House documents, advice sent directly to the president.

And they say the up-to-1 million pages of records they do expect to release will be the largest number of documents produced in connection with a Supreme Court nomination. □

Former New York Assembly Speaker gets 7 years in prison



Former New York Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, center, leaves federal court in New York after his sentencing, Friday, July 27, 2018.

Associated Press

By LARRY NEUMEISTER
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Sheldon Silver, a former New York Assembly speaker who brokered legislative deals for two decades before criminal charges abruptly ended his career, was sentenced Friday to seven years in prison by a judge who said political corruption in the state must end. The punishment, announced by U.S. District Judge Valerie E. Caproni, amounts to five fewer years in prison than she gave him after he was initially convicted in the case

in 2015. She noted that the conviction of the 74-year-old Democrat came in a year in which Joseph Peroco, a once-close aide to Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo, and former New York State Senate leader Dean Skelos, a Republican, also were convicted at corruption trials. Until 2015, Cuomo, Silver and Skelos made up what was known in Albany as "three men in a room" who every year negotiated the state budget and important legislation behind closed doors.

The judge said the trials

meant that "corruption cases have touched either directly or indirectly all of the infamous 'three men in a room.'" "This has to stop," Caproni said. "New York has to get its act together." Before announcing the prison term and a \$1.75 million fine, Caproni said Silver seemed to have aged more than would be normal in the last three years while his case has proceeded.

She said "further reflection" led her to the conclusion that the original sentence was longer than necessary. □



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Massachusetts 1st to repeal long-dormant ban on abortion

By BOB SALSBERG
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Massachusetts on Friday became the first state since President Donald Trump nominated Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court to abolish from its books an abortion ban that predates the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling.

Gov. Charlie Baker, a Republican who supports abortion rights, signed a bill Friday that repeals the unenforced ban with roots dating to 1845, along with other archaic statutes that prohibited unmarried women from using contraceptives, and made adultery and fornication criminal offenses.

Baker called the laws "antiquated, inappropriate," and in some cases, harmful.

"Here in Massachusetts, we will not compromise on a woman's right to her own decisions," he said.

Abortion rights proponents fear Kavanaugh, whose nomination to replace Anthony Kennedy on the high court is pending before the U.S. Senate, could if confirmed tilt the court toward undoing abortion protections in place since Roe v. Wade, thereby potentially triggering old state laws that haven't been enforced in decades.

"For years, Justice Kennedy has held together a delicate balance on the Supreme Court protecting access to abortion and the fundamental ability of women to control their lives," said Rebecca Hart Holder, executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice



Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker signs legislation repealing the state's archaic anti-abortion laws, in Boston on Friday, July 27, 2018.

Associated Press

Massachusetts. "The law-suits necessary to overturn Roe are making their way through the courts right now."

Seventeen states already have laws that could be used to restrict the legal status of abortions if Roe was overturned or severely limited. Of those, Massachusetts was among 10 states that still had pre-Roe abortion bans on the books, according to the Guttmacher Institute, a national research group that supports abortion rights.

Nine states have laws specifically protecting abortion rights, the institute said.

While not among the states listed as having pre-Roe v. Wade bans on the books, the Democratic governors of New York and Rhode Island have asked lawmakers in their states to vote on legislation codifying abortion rights in light of the potential shift in the Supreme Court.

In Massachusetts, a 1981 ruling by the state's highest court protects access to abortion, leading some critics of the so-called NASTY bill — short for Negating Archaic Statutes Targeting Young Women — to question why the action was necessary. Backers said

they didn't want to take any chances.

"With an uncertain future in terms of federal action on these issues, it's up to the states," said House Speaker Robert DeLeo, a Democrat. Baker was among only three Republican governors who did not sign on to a letter sent to Senate leaders earlier this week in support of Kavanaugh's nomination.

Baker stopped short on Friday of saying he outright opposed Kavanaugh, saying he would hold off on that judgment at least until after the Senate holds hearings on the nomination. □



LA judge appoints monitor to evaluate border facilities

By ELLIOT SPAGAT, COLLEEN LONG and AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A federal judge in Los Angeles said Friday that she will appoint an independent monitor to evaluate conditions for immigrant children in U.S. border facilities in Texas following a spate of reports of spoiled food, insufficient water and frigid conditions faced by the youngsters and their parents.

Judge Dolly M. Gee said she reached her decision after seeing a "disconnect" between U.S. government monitors' assessment of conditions in facilities in Texas' Rio Grande Valley and the accounts of more than 200 immigrant children and their parents detailing numerous problems.

"It seems like there continue to be persistent problems," she said during a hearing in a longstanding settlement agreement case focusing on the care of children in government custody. "I need to appoint an independent monitor to give me an objective viewpoint about what is going on at the facilities."

Gee's decision came as the Trump administration worked to reunite families separated at the U.S.-Mexico border under a second, separate court mandate out of San Diego. Hundreds remained separated as the government worked to



Maria holds her 4-year-old son Franco after he arrived at the El Paso International Airport Thursday, July 26, 2018 in El Paso, Texas. The two had been separated for over six weeks after entering the country.

clean up the effects of its policy that prompted global outrage and a presidential order halting separations. Peter Schey, an attorney who represents immigrant children detained by the U.S. government, said he hopes Gee's decision will spur U.S. border authorities to make improvements to other centers.

He said in court that problems have worsened with children now spending between three and six days in U.S. Customs and Border Protection facilities, where they were previously held between one and three days.

"We've seen an intensification with all the chaos the administration has

caused," Schey, who has long requested an independent monitor, said.

Sarah Fabian, a Justice Department attorney, opposed the appointment without having an opportunity to respond to the accounts of children and parents collected by immigrant advocates at facilities in June and July. She said that border authorities, for example, provide water fountains and jugs in cells and that facility conditions must comply with agency policies.

"We believe we haven't had a chance for a full evidentiary hearing on this," Fabian said.

Both sides have until Aug. 10 to agree on a proposed

monitor. If they can't, each will make suggestions to the judge and she will choose one. Earlier Friday, Homeland Security officials said they had reunified all eligible parents with children — but noted many others were not eligible because they had been released from immigration custody, are in their home countries or chose not to be reunited. More than 1,800 children 5 years and older had been reunited with parents or sponsors as of Thursday. That included 1,442 children who were returned to parents who were in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody, and another 378 who were released under a variety of other circumstances.

But about 700 more remain separated, including 431 whose parents were deported, officials say.

Those reunions take more time, effort and paperwork as authorities fly children back to Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras.

Updated figures were not made public, but new data was expected to be released at a Friday hearing in San Diego before the judge overseeing the reunification process.

"The administration will continue to make every effort to reunify eligible adults with their children," a Homeland Security statement said.

San Diego federal judge Dana Sabraw, who ordered the reunifications, must decide how to address the hundreds of still-separated children whose parents have been deported, as well as how much time, if any, reunified parents should be allowed to file asylum claims.

He will also consider the American Civil Liberties Union request to give reunified parents at least a week to consider if they wish to seek asylum.

President Donald Trump ended the practice of taking children from parents and Sabraw ordered the government to reunite all the families by Thursday, but said there would be some flexibility given the enormity of the effort. In most cases, the families are released and parents typically get ankle-monitoring bracelets and court dates to appear before an immigration judge.

Faith-based and other groups have provided meals, clothing, legal advice, plane and bus tickets and even new shoe laces for both parents and children.

One such group, Annunciation House in El Paso, has received over 320 families since July 17, many of them coming in for less than a day before they're flown out to their intended destinations. □

Philadelphia to further limit cooperation with ICE



Protesters camped outside City Hall march in the street after a decision about ICE was made, Friday July 27, 2018, in Philadelphia.

By CLAUDIA LAUER
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia will stop giving U.S.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement access to a real-time arrest database, saying the agency is misusing the information to conduct sweeps in which otherwise law-abiding immigrants are also being caught up. Federal officials said the decision puts U.S. citizens in danger.

"We're not going to provide them with information so they can go out and round people up," Democratic Mayor Jim Kenney said Friday as he announced his decision to let a decade-old contract with ICE expire at the end of next month.

Kenney said immigration officers are wrongly using the database to go to homes and workplaces of people who list foreign countries of origin and arresting other people who are in the country illegally but are otherwise not accused of any crimes.

U.S. Homeland Security spokeswoman Katie Waldman called the decision irresponsible and said the city will end up "harboring criminal aliens."

"Sanctuary-city policies make American communities like Philadelphia less safe by putting the rights

of criminal aliens over the safety and security of American citizens," Waldman said. "Despite the misguided action taken by Philadelphia today, DHS will continue to work to remove illegal aliens and uphold public safety."

Two of three stakeholders in the contract — the city, the district attorney and the city courts — had to vote to end it.

District Attorney Larry Krasner had said this month he would oppose the contract's renewal, saying it promotes oppressive practices. □

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'Terrifying' tornados of flame burn California city; 2 dead

By JONATHAN J. COOPER
and BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

REDDING, Calif. (AP) — A wildfire that roared with little warning into a Northern California city claimed two lives as thousands of people scrambled to escape before the walls of flames descended from forested hills onto their neighborhoods, officials said Friday. Residents who gathered their belongings in haste described a chaotic and congested getaway as the embers blew up to a mile ahead of flames and the fire leaped across the wide Sacramento River and torched subdivisions in Redding, a city of 92,000 about 100 miles south of the Oregon border.

"I've never experienced something so terrifying in my life," said Liz Williams, who loaded up two kids in her car and then found herself locked in bumper-to-bumper traffic with neighbors trying to retreat from Lake Redding Estates. She eventually jumped the curb onto the sidewalk and "booked it."

"I didn't know if the fire was just going to jump out behind a bush and grab me and suck me in," Williams said. "I wanted out of here."

The blaze leveled at least 125 homes, leaving neighborhoods smoldering and 37,000 people under evacuation orders.

The flames moved so fast that firefighters working in oven-like temperatures and bone-dry conditions had to drop efforts to battle the blaze at one point to help people escape.

The fire, which created at least two flaming tornados that toppled trees, shook firefighting equipment and busted truck windows, took

"down everything in its path," said Scott McLean, a spokesman for Cal Fire, the state agency responsible for fighting wildfires. Fire officials warned that the blaze would probably burn deeper into urban areas before there was any hope of containing it, though it either changed direction or was stopped before it could burn into the core of the city. The fire was likely to regain strength later in the day when temperatures were forecast to spike around 110 degrees (43 Celsius) and winds were expected to kick up.

Redding sits at the northern end of the agricultural Central Valley, surrounded by a scenic landscape. Rivers channel abundant winter rainfall into massive reservoirs used for boating and fishing. The area's stunning mountains, including snow-capped Mount Shasta, topping 14,000 feet (4,265 meters), are a playground for outdoor enthusiasts. Lightning and even a lawn mower have sparked devastating fires in the forests that ring the peaks and lakes. The blaze that broke out Monday was caused by a mechanical issue involving a vehicle, officials said. The fire rapidly expanded Thursday when erratic flames swept through the historic Gold Rush town of Shasta and nearby Keswick, then cast the Sacramento River in an orange glow as they jumped the banks into Redding.

Steve Hobson, a former firefighter, said flames on the distant hillside looked like solar flares on the sun. He had planned to stay behind to save his house on Lake Redding Drive. But the heat burned his skin, and smoke made it hard



A Volkswagen Beetle scorched by a wildfire called the Carr Fire rests at a residence in Redding, Calif., Friday, July 27, 2018.

to breathe. He could feel the fire sucking the air from around him, whipping up swirling embers in a "fire tornado," he said.

He had to drive through walls of flaming embers on both sides of the street when he finally fled. A tree fell right in front of him.

"I didn't know if I'd make it so I just got in the middle of the street, went down the middle of the street through the embers and the smoke and made it past," Hobson said.

When he returned Friday, his fence had burned along with a backyard shed and everything inside it — Christmas ornaments, china and

old televisions. But his house made it through the harrowing night.

Others homes in the haphazard path of destruction were not so lucky. Where some houses stood unscathed, single walls or chimneys were all that remained of others. Burned-out skeletons of pickup trucks and VW beetles sat on tireless rims in the ash.

An Associated Press survey found 66 homes destroyed in Hobson's neighborhood and another 60 gone in Keswick Lake Estates.

About 5,000 other buildings were threatened, fire officials said.

Redding fire inspector Jer-

emy Stoke was killed in the blaze, though no details were offered on what happened to him. Another firefighter hired to try to contain the flames with a bulldozer was killed Thursday, authorities said.

Fire crews in Redding for a time abandoned any hope of containing the flames and instead focused on saving lives.

"We're not fighting a fire," said Jonathan Cox, battalion chief with Cal Fire. "We're trying to move people out of the path of it because it is now deadly, and it is now moving at speeds and in ways we have not seen before in this area." □

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Emails: Lawyer who met Trump Jr. tied to Russian officials

By RAPHAEL SATTER

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The Moscow lawyer said to have promised Donald Trump's presidential campaign dirt on his Democratic opponent worked more closely with senior Russian government officials than she previously let on, according to documents reviewed by The Associated Press.

Scores of emails, transcripts and legal documents paint a portrait of Natalia Veselnitskaya as a well-connected attorney who served as a ghostwriter for top Russian government lawyers and received assistance from senior Interior Ministry personnel in a case involving a key client.

The data was obtained through Russian opposition figure Mikhail Khodorkovsky's London-based investigative unit, the Dossier Center, that is compiling profiles of Russians it accuses of benefiting from corruption. The AP was unable to reach Veselnitskaya for comment. Messages from a reporter sent to her phone were marked as "read" but were not returned.

Veselnitskaya has been under scrutiny since it emerged last year that Trump's eldest son, Donald Jr., met with her in June 2016 after being told by an intermediary that she represented the Russian government and was offering Moscow's help defeating rival presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

Veselnitskaya has denied acting on behalf of Russian officialdom when she met with the Trump team, telling Congress that she operates "independently of any government bodies."

But the Dossier Center's documents suggest her ties to Russian authorities are close — and they pull the curtain back on her campaign to overturn the sanctions imposed by the U.S. on Russian officials.

For example, the emails show that Veselnitskaya was mixed up in the Russian government's attempt to extract financial information from the former law



In this file photo taken on Sunday, April 22, 2018, Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya listens during an interview with The Associated Press in Moscow, Russia.

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firm of Bill Browder, the American-born British businessman who was a long-time critic of the Kremlin.

An Oct. 31, 2017, email shows Veselnitskaya's office preparing a draft version of Russian Deputy General Prosecutor Mikhail Alexandrov's affidavit to Cypriot authorities. "This is needed by tomorrow," she wrote a subordinate.

Two weeks later, a finalized version of the same document was sent by a Russian diplomatic staffer to a Cypriot counterpart, the Dossier Center's files show. Browder, who has often clashed with Veselnitskaya in and out of court, said this reinforced the idea that she was enmeshed with Russian officialdom.

"If her office is drafting replies for Russian-Cyprus law enforcement cooperation, in my opinion that effectively shows that she's an agent of the Russian government and not an independent lawyer as she claims," he said in a telephone interview.

In a written statement, the Russian Embassy in Cyprus

called the AP's question a "provocation" and said it had "no idea who is Natalya Veselnitskaya and what she sends or doesn't send to the Cypriot Officials."

Alexandrov, reached at the prosecutor-general's office, refused to speak to the AP.

Veselnitskaya appears to have gotten government support too.

When Swiss officials arrived in Moscow on September 2015 to interrogate Denis Katsyv, one of her key clients, they were met not just by Veselnitskaya but by Lt. Col. A. V. Rachenkov, a senior Interior Ministry official previously known for his role investigating the Russian punk band Pussy Riot. Rachenkov devoted a chunk of the interview to questions about the legality of Browder's actions, according to a transcript of the interrogation reviewed by AP.

The Russian Interior Ministry did not return messages seeking comment.

The emails also show how Veselnitskaya tried to extend her influence to the

United States, where she was working to overturn the Magnitsky Act, a sanctions law that was championed by Browder after his lawyer, Sergei Magnitsky, died under suspicious circumstances in a Russian prison.

Moscow responded to the sanctions with a ban on U.S. adoptions of Russian orphans. That prompted lobbyists to court groups such as Families for Russian and Ukrainian Adoption Including Neighboring Countries, or FRUA, a charity that supports families who adopt children from former Soviet bloc nations. The idea was to use the issue of adoptions to help them reverse the sanctions.

Jan Wondra, FRUA's chairman, said she attended a meeting in Washington on June 8, 2016 with a group of people that included Rinat Akhmetshin, a Russian-American lobbyist who was working with Veselnitskaya to overturn the sanctions. The group told her there was evidence that the Magnitsky Act was propelled by bogus claims spread by Browder, Won-

dra said. It promised that the revelation could lead to the overturning of the Russian adoption ban.

Wondra told the AP she was suspicious and feared that the lobbyists wanted FRUA's endorsement for their own purposes.

'My antennae were out. I looked at this as an attempt to put public pressure on Congress to rescind all or a part of the Magnitsky Act,' she said, emphasizing that she spoke only for herself, not her organization. "The conclusion I drew was that FRUA should not participate. And we didn't."

Akhmetshin, who would join Veselnitskaya at the Trump Tower meeting the next day, declined comment. The emails obtained by AP leave some unanswered questions.

In particular, the Dossier Center's investigation turned up almost no messages about the Trump Tower meeting itself. The group said it received only a few messages dealing with the media queries when the meeting became public in mid-2017. □

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Syrians celebrate retaking town near Israel-occupied Golan

By ALBERT AJI

Associated Press

QUNEITRA, Syria (AP) — Syrian officials on Friday celebrated the recapture of this symbolic southern town near the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights, raising a flag and playing the national anthem to mark the victory over the armed groups that controlled it for more than four years.

A picture of President Bashar Assad was hoisted on a partially destroyed monument in central Quneitra, where his father had raised the Syrian flag after Israel withdrew more than four decades ago.

Friday's ceremony was attended by hundreds of flag-waving residents from nearby villages, who sang the anthem, danced and cheered the Syrian army and affiliated militias.

Quneitra was abandoned after Israel destroyed it as it withdrew in 1974 following the Mideast war, although Israel continued to occupy the adjacent Golan Heights, seized in 1967. A cease-fire and a disengagement agreement have largely held along the demarcation lines for four decades.

During Syria's civil war, armed groups captured the town and large parts of southwestern Syria, forcing a U.N. peacekeeping force there to evacuate.

The celebrations in Quneitra took place as Syrian soldiers finalized their deployment to restore their positions along the demarcation line for the first time since 2014.

The soldiers also deployed



Syrian soldiers arrive to Syria's Quneitra border crossing between Syria and the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights, Thursday, July 26, 2018.

to a crossing that connects Quneitra to the Golan. Even though the countries are at war, families from the local Druze community divided by the demarcation line use the crossing to exchange visits. Farmers also sent their apples over the frontier.

A field commander, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with regulations, said it was only a matter of time before the U.N. peacekeeping force is redeployed and civilians can once again use the crossing.

With Syrian forces regaining control of the town and crossing, only a handful of villages in Quneitra province remain outside of government control, said the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based monitoring group.

The Syrian government had left the destruction in Quneitra as a reminder of the war with Israel.

Signs of the latest conflict also can be seen. On the drive to Quneitra, reporters crossed a large sand barrier, apparently erected by the armed opposition to separate the areas they controlled. Just past it, a fresh layer of dirt filled what appeared to be a large trench dug by the insurgents for fortification.

A village a few kilometers from Quneitra also was destroyed, apparently in recent fighting.

The government offensive in southwestern Syria began June 19. Since then, pro-government forces seized most of the areas in Daraa and Quneitra provinces along the border with Jordan and the Golan.

They now are battling remnants of the Islamic State group, which continues to hold territory at the southern tip of the region.

The U.N. said the fighting has displaced 182,600 people who are currently in need of humanitarian assistance, including in Sweida, the province adjacent to Daraa and Quneitra. Initially around 300,000 were estimated to have fled their homes, but many have returned after fighting subsided in some areas and surrender deals were reached with armed opposition in others.

Before the fighting, some 55,000 people had lived in the area now controlled by an IS-affiliated group. But several thousand have managed to flee and it is not clear how many remain, the U.N. said, raising

concerns that the group may be restricting the movement of others still living under its grip.

U.N. humanitarian chief Mark Lowcock told the Security Council that humanitarian aid needs to be urgently scaled up across the southwest, particularly in Quneitra. "An estimated 110,000 newly displaced people remain in Quneitra governorate, in areas that have largely been cut off from sustained humanitarian assistance," Lowcock said. Back in Quneitra, Marwan Ahmed Abdullah, a 49-year-old Syrian whose four sons fought in the war, including one who was killed said he came to "celebrate victory."

"We'll sacrifice our souls for Syria. What matters is for peace and security to return to Syria like before."

Mohammed Khaba, 50, said he came from the village of Khan Arnabah to celebrate the victory.

"It is a source of pride for every Syrian. It is proof that we are able to expunge terrorism from all over the country," he said. The Syrian government considers all opposition fighters to be terrorists. Originally from the Golan Heights, Ayoub has been living in Damascus since his family was displaced by the war with Israel. He repeatedly returned to the area, which is home to Circassians as well as the minority Druze community, until rebels seized it.

"I am ecstatic to raise the flag, and God willing, through Quneitra, we'll regain all occupied lands. I am certain." □

Vatican meets #MeToo: Nuns denounce priests who abused them



In this Sunday, April 1, 2018 file photo, nuns are silhouetted in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican.

Associated Press

By NICOLE WINFIELD
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Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Revelations that a prominent U.S. cardinal sexually abused and harassed his adult seminarians have exposed an egregious abuse of power that has shocked Catholics on both sides of the Atlantic. But the Vatican has long been aware of its heterosexual equivalent — the sexual abuse of nuns by priests and bishops — and done little to stop it, an Associated Press analysis has found.

An examination by the AP shows that cases of abused nuns have emerged in Europe, Africa, South America and Asia, demonstrating that the problem is global and pervasive, thanks to the sisters' second-class status in the church and their ingrained subservience to the men who run it.

Yet some nuns are now finding their voices, buoyed by the #MeToo movement and the growing recognition that even adults can be victims of sexual abuse

when there is an imbalance of power in a relationship. The sisters are going public in part to denounce years of inaction by church leaders, even after major studies on the problem in Africa were reported to the Vatican in the 1990s.

"It opened a great wound inside of me," one nun told the AP. "I pretended it didn't happen."

Wearing a full religious habit and clutching her rosary, the woman broke nearly two decades of silence to tell AP about the moment in 2000 when the priest to whom she was confessing her sins forced himself on her, mid-sacrament.

The assault — and a subsequent advance by a different priest a year later — led her to stop going to confession with any priest other than her spiritual father, who lives in a different country.

The extent of the abuse of nuns is unclear, at least outside the Vatican. However, this week, about half a dozen sisters in a small religious congregation in Chile went

public on national television with their stories of abuse by priests and other nuns — and how their superiors did nothing to stop it. A nun in India recently filed a formal police complaint accusing a bishop of rape, something that would have been unthinkable even a year ago. And cases in Africa have come up periodically; in 2013, for example, a well-known priest in Uganda wrote a letter to his superiors that mentioned "priests romantically involved with religious sisters" — for which he was promptly suspended from the church until he apologized in May.

"I am so sad that it took so long for this to come into the open, because there were reports long ago," Karlijn Demasure, one of the church's leading experts on clergy sexual abuse and abuse of power, told AP in an interview.

The Vatican declined to comment on what measures, if any, it has taken to assess the scope of the problem globally, or to

punish offenders and care for victims. A Vatican official said it is up to local church leaders to sanction priests who sexually abuse sisters.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak on the issue, said the church has focused much of its attention on protecting children, but that vulnerable adults "deserve the same protection." "Consecrated women have to be encouraged to speak up when they are molested," the official told AP. "Bishops have to be encouraged to take them seriously, and make sure the priests are punished if guilty."

But being taken seriously is often the toughest obstacle for sisters who are sexually abused, said Demasure, until recently executive director of the church's Center for Child Protection at the Pontifical Gregorian University, the church's leading think tank on the issue.

"They (the priests) can al-

ways say 'she wanted it,'" Demasure said.

Demasure said many priests in Africa, for example, struggle with traditional and cultural beliefs in the importance of having children. Novices are particularly vulnerable because they often need a letter from their parish priest to be accepted into certain religious congregations.

"And sometimes they have to pay for that," she said.

And when these women become pregnant?

"Mainly, she has an abortion. Even more than once. And he pays for that. A religious sister has no money. A priest, yes," she said.

There can also be a price for blowing the whistle.

In 2013, the Rev. Anthony Musala in Kampala, Uganda, wrote a letter to members of the local Catholic establishment about "numerous cases" of alleged sex liaisons of priests, including with nuns. He was suspended until he issued an apology in May, even though Ugandan newspapers regularly report cases of priests caught in sex escapades.

Archbishop John Baptist Odama, leader of the Ugandan conference of bishops, told the AP that allegations against individual priests should not be used to smear the whole church. "Individual cases must be treated as individual cases," he said.

The reports in the 1990s were prepared by members of religious orders for top church officials. In 1994, the late Sr. Maura O'Donohue wrote about a six-year, 23-nation survey, in which she learned of 29 nuns who had been impregnated in a single congregation.

Nuns, she reported, were considered "safe" sexual partners for priests fearing infection with HIV from prostitutes or other women. The reports were never meant to be made public, but the U.S. National Catholic Reporter put them online in 2001. To date, the Vatican hasn't said what, if anything, it ever did with the information. □

World's oldest person, a Japanese woman, dies at 117

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

TOKYO (AP) — A newly released memo by a wartime Japanese official provides what a historian says is the first look at the thinking of Emperor Hirohito and Prime Minister Hideki Tojo on the eve of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor that thrust the U.S. into World War II.

While far from conclusive, the five-page document lends credence to the view that Hirohito bears at least some responsibility for starting the war.

At 8:30 p.m. in Tokyo, just hours before the attack, Tojo summoned two top aides for a countdown to war briefing. One of them, Vice Interior Minister Michio Yuzawa, wrote an account three hours after the meeting was over.

"The emperor seemed at ease and unshakable once he had made a decision," he quoted Tojo as saying. To what extent Hirohito was responsible for the war is a sensitive topic in Japan, and the bookseller who discovered the memo kept it under wraps for nearly a decade before releasing it to Japan's Yomiuri newspaper, which published it earlier this week. Hirohito was protected from indictment in the Tokyo war crimes trials during a U.S. occupation that wanted to use him as a symbol to rebuild Japan as a democratic nation. Hirohito died in 1989 at age 87 after 62 years on the throne.

"It took me nine years to come forward, as I was afraid of a backlash," said bookshop owner Takeo Hatano, who handled the document carefully as he showed it to Associated Press journalists. "But now I hope the memo would help us figure out what really happened during the war, in which 3.1 million people were killed."

Takahisa Furukawa, a Nihon University expert on wartime history who has confirmed the authenticity of the memo, called it the first detailed portrayal of Tojo and Hirohito just before the attack. Palace documents have confirmed Hirohito's



In this July 26, 2018, photo, Takeo Hatano, a used bookstore owner, shows the five-page "Yuzawa memo," written by Michio Yuzawa, interior vice minister in 1941, in Tokyo.

Associated Press

daytime meeting with Tojo on Dec. 7, 1941, but without elaborating.

The memo supports the view that Hirohito was not as concerned about waging war on the U.S. as was once portrayed, Furukawa said. The emperor had endorsed the government's decision to scrap diplomatic options at a Dec. 1 meeting, and his unchanged position the day before the attack reassured Tojo.

Yuzawa's account portrays Tojo as upbeat and feeling a sense of accomplishment after all the required

administrative steps for war had been taken and, most importantly, Hirohito had given him the final nod without asking any questions.

"If His Majesty had any regret over negotiations with Britain and the U.S., he would have looked somewhat grim. There was no such indication, which must be a result of his determination," Tojo is quoted as saying in the memo. "I'm completely relieved. Given the current conditions, I could say we have practically won already."

His optimism was misplaced. The Pearl Harbor attack killed nearly 2,400 U.S. servicemen and caused major damage to the U.S. Pacific Fleet. Within months, however, the tide was turning. Tojo was blamed for prolonging the war after it was clearly lost, leading to the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945. He was later executed as Class-A war criminal.

Tojo, whose administrative skills and loyalty had won Hirohito's trust, was made prime minister just two

months before the Pearl Harbor attack and served in the post for most of World War II.

Furukawa said Tojo's remarks in the memo about his relief at completing the preparations for war support evaluations of him as a good bureaucrat but not a visionary leader. More decisive leadership might have ended the war earlier, he said.

"Tojo is a bureaucrat who was incapable of making own decisions, so he turned to the emperor as his supervisor. That's why he had to report everything for the emperor to decide. If the emperor didn't say no, then he would proceed," Furukawa said. "Clearly, the memo shows the absence of political leadership in Japan."

Yuzawa wrote in the memo that he was "moved and honored to get involved in war preparations at the time of a crucial event that would determine the fate of the Imperial state." He was later promoted to interior minister but turned critical of Tojo's leadership and was dismissed from the Cabinet over a policy difference.

"He is a man of passion and loyalty," Yuzawa wrote of Tojo in a notebook he kept. "But he is so narrow-minded and he has no philosophy as a political leader." □

World's oldest person, a Japanese woman, dies at 117

Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — The world's oldest person, a 117-year-old Japanese woman, has died.

Chiyo Miyako died Sunday. Her death was confirmed Friday by Kanagawa prefecture, her home state south of Tokyo.

Miyako, born on May 2, 1901, became the world's oldest person in April after Nabi Tajima from Kikai island in southern Japan died at the age of 117.

Miyako's family called her "the goddess" and remembered her as a chatty person who was patient and kind to others, according

to Guinness World Records, which had certified her title. Miyako enjoyed calligraphy, which she had practiced until recently, and eating sushi and eel, Guinness said. Guinness said the successor to her world record is yet to be confirmed. The new oldest person in Japan is a 115-year-old woman, Kane Tanaka of Fukuoka on the southern island of Kyushu, the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare said.

The world's oldest man, Masazo Nonaka on Japan's northern island of Hokkaido, celebrated his 113rd birthday Wednesday. □



In this Jan. 2, 2018, photo provided by Goodtime Home 1, Kane Tanaka flashes a peace sign during her 115th birthday celebration at her nursing home in Fukuoka, southwestern Japan.

Associated Press

Extraordinary drug dog worries Colombian cartel

By MANUEL RUEDA

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— This is the story of a drug dog with a bounty on its head.

Sombra, a six-year-old German shepherd, has helped Colombia's police detect more than 2,000 kilos of cocaine hidden in suitcases, boats and large shipments of fruit.

But as the dog sniffs her way toward record cocaine interdictions, she has also become the latest target of Colombia's most powerful drug gang.

Colombian police recently revealed that the Gulf Clan, a cartel that boasts its own guerrilla army, has offered a reward of \$7,000 to whoever kills or captures the savvy hound.

The threat prompted officials to relocate Sombra — whose name in Spanish means Shadow — from a busy port on Colombia's Caribbean coast to the capital city, where she now uses her extraordinary talent to sniff through suspicious cargo at Bogota's El Dorado International Airport.

After her six hour shift is over, Sombra is transported in a



Drug dog Sombra, has helped detect more than 2,000 kilos of cocaine hidden in suitcases, boats and shipments of fruit, sits outside the police station in Bogota, Colombia.

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van with tinted windows back to her kennel. She is usually accompanied by two armed guards.

"We are responsible for her safety," said officer Jose Rojas, Sombra's 25-year-old handler.

Sombra's detective work is needed now more than

ever as Colombia wrestles with soaring coca production that is testing traditionally close relations with the United States. A recent White House report found the amount of land where peasants and drug traffickers harvest the plant used to make cocaine rose 11

percent in 2017 to 209,000 hectares (516,450 acres), despite \$10 billion in U.S. counter-narcotics work.

"President Trump's message to Colombia is clear: The record growth in cocaine production must be reversed," warned Jim Carroll, deputy director for the

drug policy office.

President-elect Ivan Duque is promising a tougher approach to speed up eradication with strategies that could include aerial spraying and the use of drones. But even with advanced technology, experts say on-the-ground detective work like that performed by Sombra is critical.

Some of Sombra's recent busts include uncovering over five tons of Gulf Clan cocaine destined for Europe and concealed in crates of bananas. Officers also credit her incredible nose with more than 245 drug-related arrests at two of Colombia's biggest international airports.

"Her sense of smell is far beyond that of other dogs," Rojas said.

Drug cartels like the Gulf Clan have taken note.

After learning there was a price on Sombra's head, Colombia's national police director ordered her to be transferred to a new post earlier this year, according to local news reports. Investigators uncovered the threat against Sombra through an intercepted phone call. □

Brazil's Lula to revoke privatizations through referendums

By MAURICIO SAVARESE

Associated Press

SAO PAULO (AP) — Brazil's jailed former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva pledged on Friday to block or undo privatizations if he is returned to the office he held from 2003 to 2010.

Da Silva will likely be barred from running for the presidency again by Brazil's electoral court, but his statements are seen as the program of his left-leaning Workers' Party ahead of October's elections.

In an article published in the newspaper Correio Braziliense, da Silva said he would reverse the ongoing process to privatize state-run energy company Eletrobras. He also criticized politicians who contend that oil giant Petrobras needs to be sold.

Unpopular President Michel



In this July 8, 2018 photo, supporter of former Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva waves banner decorated with an image depicting da Silva and message that reads in Portuguese: "Free Lula," in Curitiba, Brazil.

Associated Press

Temer has pushed forward with plans to sell Eletrobras and several members of his administration believe Petrobras should be privatized.

Da Silva also criticized Temer's decision to allow a

joint venture that gives Boeing control of Brazilian plane-maker Embraer. The former president vowed to halt the move.

Da Silva leads the polls despite his corruption and money laundering conviction.

He can still appeal the decision, which he deems to be political persecution. "I have the historical obligation, no matter what my personal circumstances now, of conducting our country to a reencounter with democracy and sovereignty, with a clear commitment to revoke through a popular referendum every measure that damages our independence," da Silva wrote.

Media in Brazil media have reported that former Sao Paulo Mayor Fernando Haddad is the Workers' Party favorite to replace da Silva as candidate if the former president is indeed barred.

Brazil's October election will take place on Oct. 7. Though a member of another party, left-leaning presidential hopeful Ciro

Gomes is seen as a potential heir to da Silva's votes and also made the same anti-privatization pledges a few weeks ago.

In a letter to Boeing, Gomes said it is "a grave inconvenience" that Embraer is bought 100 days before Brazil's presidential elections.

Earlier this week, a state-run energy company in the state of Piaui was sold in what was considered the kick-off of the process to privatize Eletrobras.

Members of the Temer administration say the measure is necessary so Brazil can reduce its budget deficit and boost its private sector, while critics believe selling Eletrobras will give the country's waters away to foreign companies. Brazil's main energy source is hydroelectricity. □

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Big crowds for Aruba Symphony Festival



ORANJESTAD – First time ever performing classical music on an outside podium under the Aruban stars and slightly in the 'bushes', seemed like big challenge for Aruba Symphony Festival's fourth edition this year. But it was marvelous.

We're talking about the Jam Session Wednesday night at Casibari Café. Jamming is not a classical music thing, as it's more a jazzy thing as is played mostly at this venue. How-

ever after last Wednesday it seemed like classical jamming was what the crowd was waiting for. It was a huge crowd with a lot of locals enjoying good quality music.

One of the big men behind this festival, Johnny Croes tells that from 21 July on the performances attract a lot of people. "It's going very well. The concert hall was full on the opening night. Yesterday also a big crowd at the Ritz-Carlton. Also a

lot of tourists in the public of at least 250."

Besides the opening and closure performances, are the concerts for free. Although the organization appreciates to receive donations which they use for organizing next year's festival. "The public has been very generous till now", says Croes.

During the festival also a student competition took place. The students com-

peted against each other playing different instruments, like the violin and cello. Croes tells that a thirteen old girl won 'playing incredible on her violin'.

Croes also enjoyed the jam session, although it was a challenge as the musicians are not used to play with amplifiers. Which were necessary this time as the performance was outside. Musicians weren't really jamming against each other, explains Croes. "It's more that we didn't have a program, like normally when everything is set upfront."

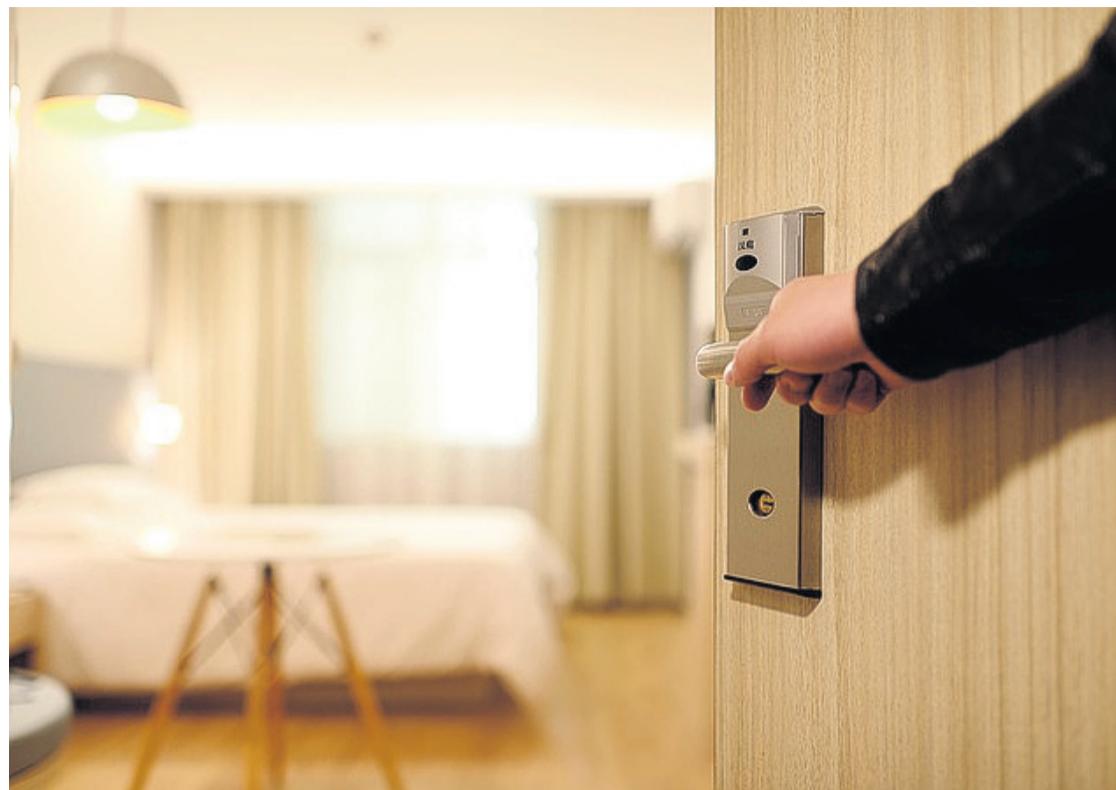
The musicians played from what people would perceive as classical till traditional Colombian compositions played by Orquesta de Camara Felix Morgan. They also performed on the Freewinds ship in the Latin American concert. "Classical music is not that defined as people may think. It's not only Bach, Mozart, Chopin. And it's not only about the instrument because you can play Bach on a steel pan also", Croes concludes.

Sunday July 29 is the Final Concert, all compositions from Mendelssohn. With Simon Gollo, the artistic director of the Aruba

Symphony Festival, waving the baton, the Aruba Symphony Orchestra will close the 2018 musical festivities with two works by Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto in E minor op.64 and Symphony No. 4 in A major op. 90. Mr. Kazuhiro Takagi will be the solo violinist. Mr. Takagi has served tenures as concertmaster at the four different orchestras in three different countries. He has performed as a soloist and chamber musician in Europe, the United States as well as in his native Japan. Simon Gollo was born in Venezuela, but spent his formative years in Switzerland and is a Swiss citizen. Mr. Gollo has been invited to perform and teach in China in October. This will be the 24th country where he will have performed as a musician! He was the founder of the extremely successful Nuevo Mundo Festival y Academia of Maracaibo that stopped functioning in 2012 because of the social conditions in Venezuela. His love for Aruba started in 2006 when he gave a concert for the benefit of the Aruba Scholarship Foundation. His dream is now to see the Aruba Symphony Festival become the most important classical music festival of the Caribbean region. □



Overview Of Timeshare Industry In Aruba



ORANJESTAD — In honor of the celebration of 40 years of Timeshare in Aruba, Aruba Timeshare Association (ATSA) created a report, with data that was collected at the ending of the year 2017, to give an overview of the timeshare industry on our island. The report was made with the collaboration of Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA), and prepared by the University of Aruba (UA). The following is the last of 6 articles resuming the research.

The following points are recommendations towards the timeshare industry based upon the research of 2017 conducted by the University of Aruba, Aruba Timeshare Association (ATSA) and data collected by Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA).

1. Work together with other providers in the hospitality and tourism sector to add value to the product timeshare in Aruba due to the age of the timeshare industry in Aruba, it is a known industry but it is losing its shine under the young visitors and also the older visitors.

2. Focus on other locations for the timeshare owners, the percentage of timeshare owners coming from the United States is really high (in a poll conducted by students, United States

owners represent more than 79% of the surveyed owners).

3. Promote "lifestyle" and "experience-based" activities for consumers that look for unique experiences during their vacation and who like to promote their own type of lifestyle. The majority of timeshare owners have a high income and maybe would like to have a more luxurious experience during their vacation.

4. Prepare the product timeshare in such way that it satisfies the needs of the

younger travelers, like for instance Millennials, and make use of social media platforms, gaming platforms, group activities and promotions.

5. Promote a tour/package for cruise ship travelers when they disembark so they can get to know the product timeshare on Aruba in a more focused way.

6. Develop products focused on our younger clients with higher income, since these clients are more likely to buy a timeshare and spend money while

they are here. More young timeshares, more aquatic sports, more income, more luxurious food and drinks, exclusive shopping and gamble options.

7. Create opportunities where value is shared, for example, associating with owners in the retail and hospitality and also other tourism entities to offer more exclusive packages.

8. The older visitors are less satisfied and have less positive perception about their experiences compared to the younger visitors. Increase the amount of visitors by offering benefits for the ones returning to Aruba, punch cards, discounts in the area and market unique activities for the older visitors so they can be more satisfied and they can recommend these through "word-of-mouth".

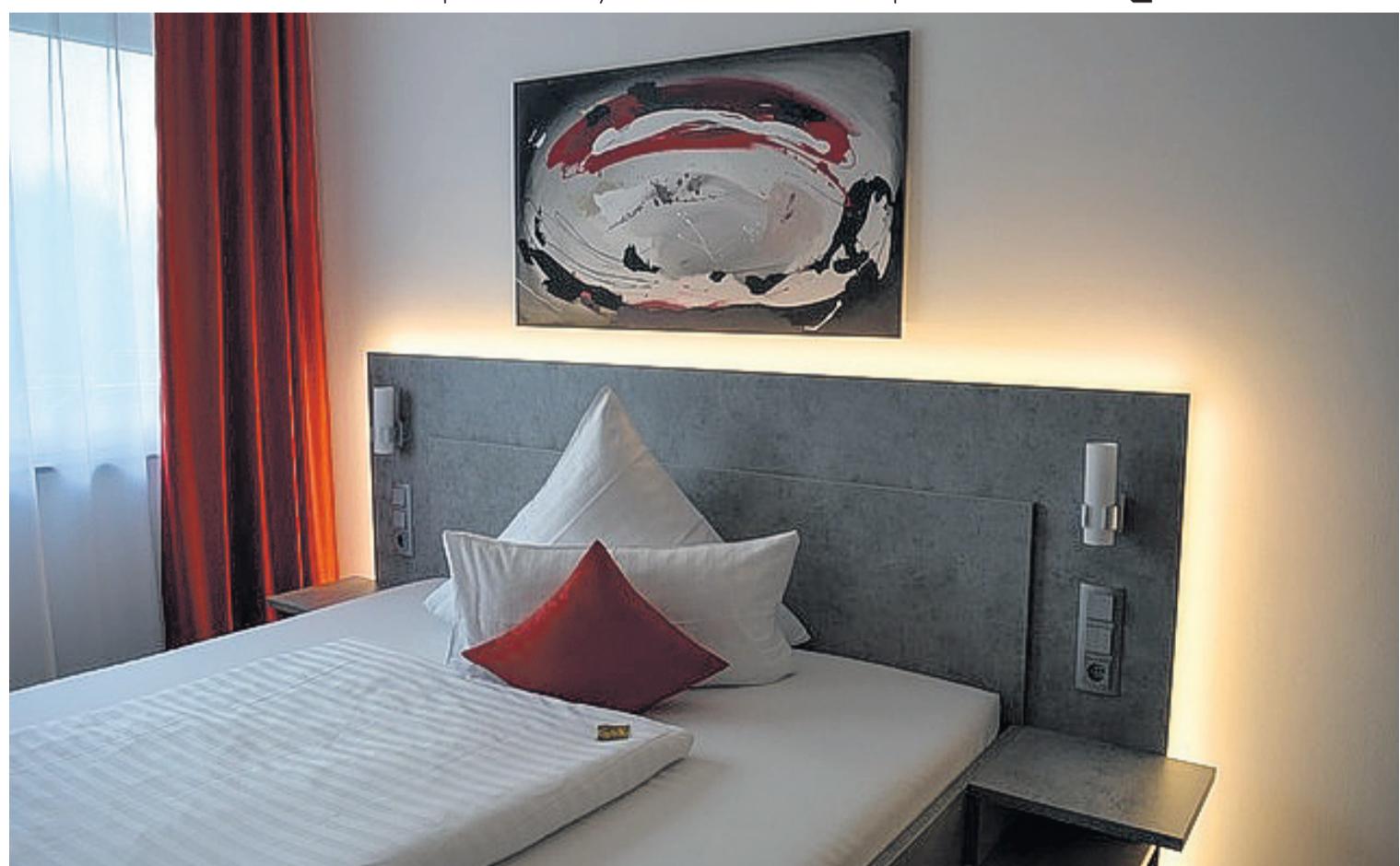
9. Increase the variety of things to do on our island, a great example of this is having visitors eat with locals or connect them with local Aruban families.

10. The female visitor will recommend Aruba much faster than the male visitor, yet male visitors are more likely to buy another timeshare in comparison with

the female visitors.

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Texas Rangers pitcher Cole Hamels smiles as he talks to teammates in the dugout during the third inning of the team's baseball game against the Oakland Athletics on Thursday, July 26, 2018, in Arlington, Texas.

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Cubs get LHP Cole Hamels in trade with Rangers

By JAY COHEN

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Cubs are gambling a change of scenery and a pennant race will help Cole Hamels return to form. The Cubs acquired the veteran left-hander and cash from the Texas Rangers on Friday for right-hander Eddie Butler, minor league pitcher Rollie Lacy and a player to be named. Hamels is in the midst of perhaps the worst year of his career, going 5-9 with a 4.72 ERA in 20 starts with last-place Texas. He is just 1-3 with an 11.12 ERA in four starts in July.

But the 34-year-old Hamels is an experienced playoff pitcher with a history of success at Wrigley Field. He was the NL Championship Series and World Series MVP when Philadelphia won the title in 2008.

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VERDICT'S IN



Yankees slugger Aaron Judge suffers fractured wrist

New York Yankees' Aaron Judge reacts after being hit by a pitch during the first inning of the team's baseball game against the Kansas City Royals on Thursday, July 26, 2018, in New York. The Yankees won 7-2.

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Olympic champ Biles focused on future, not legacy in return

By WILL GRAVES

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Simone Biles wasn't bragging. That's never really been her thing. Her tone was confident but not cocky. Sincere without the swagger.

Yes, the defending Olympic champion — who returns to competition for the first time since the 2016 Games when she competes in the U.S. Classic on Saturday night — really does believe she's better now than she was when she stepped off the podium in Rio de Janeiro two years ago with a record-tying fourth gold medal around her neck.

Asked on Friday how her gymnastics in 2018 stack up against the form she showed in Brazil — when Biles cemented her status as one of her sport's all-time greats with 10 days of breathtaking performances that left her peers grasping for superlatives — Biles didn't hesitate. She giggled a bit. But she didn't hesitate.

"I would probably beat her, yeah," Biles said.

And it only took eight months.

Biles took a lengthy post-Olympic breather to enjoy the perks of her newfound fame. She did "Dancing With The Stars." She cut commercials. Made the talk show rounds. She moved into her own apartment. She found time for romance.

Then last fall she headed back into the gym her family owns in suburban Hous-



In this Aug. 11, 2016, file photo, United States' Simone Biles performs on the balance beam during the artistic gymnastics women's individual all-around final at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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ton with no firm plans and no timetable other than to see what she and new coaches Laurent and Cecile Landi could cook up. At 21, she's taken more ownership of her routines. The weight of expectations she carried during the buildup to Rio de Janeiro is gone. No matter what happens during the rest of her career, she will always have those five Olympic — oh, and 14 world championship — medals.

They aren't going anywhere. Neither is she. Let her get one thing out of the way: She didn't have to come back. She wanted to. The difference isn't semantic. It's one of the reasons she believes her best gymnastics is still to come.

"I feel like I have a stronger mindset and I'm not as nervous," Biles said. "Not for this particular competition. I still have a lot of nerves I need to get out in the trainings that we have to come, but I feel like I'm in a better place. I trust my body more. I trust my gymnastics more. So overall I'm in a better place."

Even if the organization she is returning to following her hiatus is not.

While Biles returned to the United States to newfound stardom, USA Gymnastics returned to questions about how it handled complaints of sexual misconduct by member coaches raised by an Indianapolis Star investigation. The story mushroomed in the fall of

2016, eventually leading to accusations that former Olympic team trainer Larry Nassar sexually abused gymnasts.

Nassar, a longtime sports doctor at Michigan State who also volunteered as the team physician for USA Gymnastics, is serving decades in prison for child pornography and other crimes after hundreds of women said he sexually abused them under the guise of medical care. Biles revealed she was one of Nassar's victims in January. She has declined to get into specifics, preferring to move forward instead of looking back. Yet she also understands how having the Olympic champion on the competition floor can

turn the spotlight — at least briefly — back to the sport itself and not the scandal.

"I hope so because gymnastics has been a big part of my life, the coaches' lives, the gymnasts' lives, everyone's lives out here," she said. "So I hope looking from the outside in they'll want to put their kids in gymnastics and find the love and joy that we have for it."

A joy that Biles insists remains. The proof can be found in the way she's embraced the chance not to reclaim what she once had but instead turned her focus into pushing herself — and gymnastics — further. She's upped her difficulty on both bars and floor. She's likely going to ditch the Amanar as her primary vault for the Cheng, which offers the promise of a higher score if done correctly.

"That's amazing because usually, they're holding on to what they had and she's eclipsed that and doing far more," said Tom Forster, named the new high-performance coordinator for the national team earlier this month. "I've never seen that. I've never seen that before, so that's exciting. She's amazing."

Biles has an opponent none of the other women in the field have to face: her legacy. She hasn't lost a meet in five years. Yet as great as she's felt in practice, even she's a little curious about how she'll respond when the lights come on and the scores count. □

Isner reaches Atlanta Open semifinals for 9th straight year

ATLANTA (AP) — John Isner advanced to the BB&T Atlanta Open semifinals for the ninth straight year, beating Germany's Mischa Zverev 7-5, 4-6, 6-1 on Friday.

"He is a tough player. I played well today. I needed to," Isner said. "It was a weird match. The balls were bouncing everywhere, it was tough to control. I was happy to get through in three sets."

Seeking his fifth victory at Atlantic Station in the last

six years, the top-seeded Isner set up a match against fourth-seeded Matthew Ebden of Australia. Ebden beat Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus 6-3, 6-2.

The 33-year-old Isner lost only two first-serve points against the seventh-seeded Zverev, won all but three of his service points in the third set and broke twice. Isner improved to 29-4 in the event, winning his second match after a 6-hour, 36-minute loss — with a 26-25 fifth set — to Kevin An-

derson in the Wimbledon semifinals. The 6-foot-10 former University of Georgia star won the Miami Open in April for his 13th ATP Tour title.

Isner is 7-1 in the semifinals, with the lone loss coming to Andy Roddick in 2012. Isner's only other losses in the event came in the finals, to Mardi Fish in 2010 and 2011 and Nick Kyrgios in 2016. Isner won titles in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2017.

The 30-year-old Ebden is chasing his first ATP World

Tour title. He's 1-3 against Isner, winning in January in the Australian Open.

"I am definitely playing better than I was in the beginning of the year. I was struggling a little bit," Isner said. "To his credit, he played much better than me that day in Australia. He had the home crowd on his side. It helps a lot. Now, I'm playing in my backyard and he beat me in his backyard. We'll see if I can turn the tide." They also met last year in the Hall of Fame

Open final, with Isner winning in straight sets.

Eighth-seeded Ryan Harrison also advanced, beating South Korea's Chung Hyeon 6-7 (3), 6-2, 7-6 (5).

"This is exactly what the doctor ordered for me," Harrison said. "It was a little nervy from both of us there at the end."

The runner-up last year, Harrison will face the winner of the night match between the second-seeded Kyrgios of Australia and Britain's Cameron Norrie. □

On Basketball: Kawhi Leonard makes mistake skipping Vegas

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — This is a misstep for Kawhi Leonard. He should be in Las Vegas. The saga about his future is done and settled, at least for the next 12 months. He's with the Toronto Raptors. He got at least half of his wish fulfilled in that he's been traded out of San Antonio, even if it wasn't to his preferred Los Angeles. So there's no reason to still be silent, no reason to hide, no reason to remain as a now-international man of mystery.

Apparently, Leonard doesn't see it that way. He declined an invitation to be with USA Basketball this week for its two-practice minicamp in Las Vegas, for reasons that only he truly knows. The semi-official story is that he's focused on preparing for his move to Toronto. OK, fair enough. It's a major event for anyone to pack up a home and move to a different country.

But that's not enough to keep him out of this camp. There are only three legitimate reasons why Leonard wouldn't be here. The first is that the leg injury that limited him to nine games last season has not healed sufficiently enough to allow him to play, a notion that should frighten the Raptors. The second he's just scared, a notion that should frighten the Raptors. The third is he doesn't care, a notion that should also frighten the Raptors.

He could have gotten a slew of things out of the way this week. Shown the world that he's fit enough to play again. Answered questions about his excitement level for the move to Toronto and why he wanted out of San Antonio. Had that awkward first post-trade interaction with Spurs coach Gregg Popovich, the new USA Basketball coach. Closed a lot of chapters that need endings.

Instead, just more silence. It's well-known that Leon-

ard isn't a big talker. He hasn't updated his public Facebook page since 2012. He hasn't posted to Twitter since 2015. In this day and age, that's almost admirable on some level. There will be a day, though, when Leonard will get asked the questions that he's apparently dreading. Maybe at Raptors media day in Toronto in a couple months. Maybe on those two days when the Raptors and Spurs play next season. Definitely on the trip when he has to go to San Antonio for the first time as an opponent.

If he's looking to avoid those, he's putting off the inevitable.

Leonard just turned 27 about a month ago. He likely isn't even near his prime yet and he's already been an NBA Finals MVP. His talent has been celebrated for years. If he is so inclined, he could have a spot on the 2020 Olympic team and likely come home from Tokyo with a gold medal. He might have been there in 2016 if he hadn't dropped out a month or so before the Rio Games began.

"This was a very difficult decision," Leonard said at the time. "It's an honor to have been considered for the team and I hope that in the future I will have the chance to represent my country by playing for USA Basketball."

That time is now.

Playing for your country is a big deal to people. Popovich, a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, said

it's bigger than the NBA. His predecessor as U.S. coach, Mike Krzyzewski, went to West Point. Blake Griffin, one of the many All-Stars playing in camp, said it's "a pride thing" to show up and compete. Kevin Love and Kyrie Irving weren't playing, but they were there to show their face and show support.

Leonard could have at least done that much.

Let's be clear, Leonard is not the only invitee who isn't at camp. LeBron James isn't here. Nor are Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson. Nor are about 10 other guys who got asked to attend.

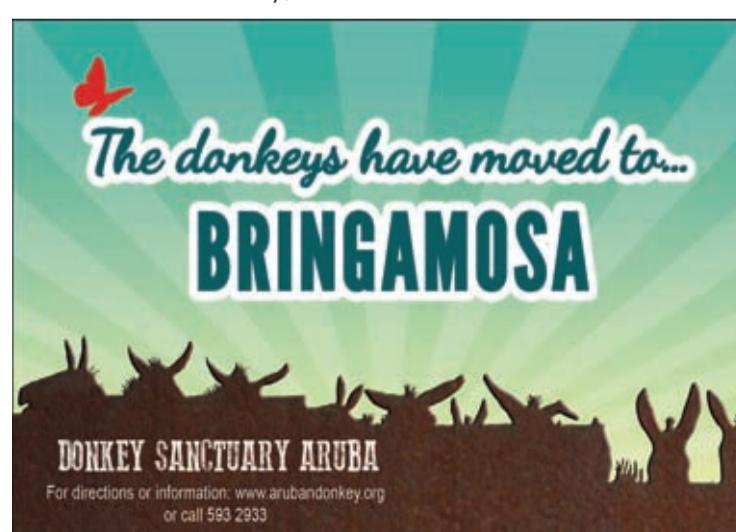
Popovich, who said last week he looked forward to seeing Leonard in Las Vegas, wasn't bothered by the no-shows.

"People have lives," Popovich said. "We had a good number of people here and the people who were invited that aren't here have reasons, whether it's injury or personal things going on in their lives. And we understand that."

James said he had a hand injury during the NBA Finals, has since signed with the Los Angeles Lakers and is focusing more on himself and his family right now than anything else.

Curry and Thompson have gone to the finals in each of the last four seasons and probably want some serious downtime.

But Leonard, well, it's unclear why he's not here. Whatever his reason, it's not a good look for him. □



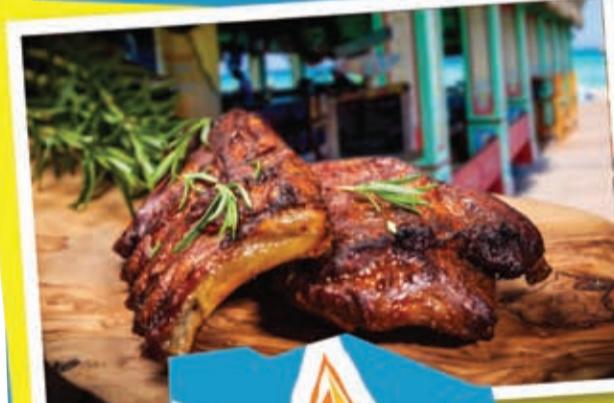
In this March 12, 2016, file photo, San Antonio Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard talks with coach Gregg Popovich during the second half of the team's NBA basketball game against the Oklahoma City Thunder in San Antonio.

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Yankees lose Judge in 7-2 rout of Royals

NEW YORK (AP) — Yankees slugger Aaron Judge was hit on his right wrist by a pitch and forced to leave early, overshadowing New York's romp past Kansas City.

The All-Star slugger sustained a fractured right wrist when he was hit by a fastball and is expected to miss three weeks.

Normally an All-Star outfielder, Judge was the designated hitter. He winced when he was stung by a fastball from Jakob Junis (5-11) in the first inning, got an infield hit the next time up and then was pulled for a pinch-hitter in the fourth.

On a busy day for the Yankees, Sonny Gray (8-7) pitched five shutout innings to win three straight starts for the first time since last July. He exited soon after getting nicked in the pitching hand by a hard grounder.

Didi Gregorius hit a three-run homer for New York, which began the day 5½ games behind AL East-leading Boston. Center fielder Aaron Hicks threw out Alex Gordon at the plate to end the game as Gordon tried to score from second on a single.

TWINS 2, RED SOX 1

BOSTON (AP) — Mitch Garver hit a tiebreaking RBI double with two outs in the eighth inning, and



New York Yankees catcher Austin Romine tags out Kansas City Royals' Alex Gordon at home plate for the final out of a baseball game Thursday, July 26, 2018, in New York. The Yankees won 7-2.

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Minnesota held on to beat Boston.

Kyle Gibson (5-7) held Boston to four hits and one run in eight innings. Fernando Rodney surrendered a single and back-to-back walks to load the bases in the ninth, but he struck out Jackie Bradley Jr. to complete the five-hitter and earn his 22nd save in 27 opportunities.

The Twins have won four straight. Boston has lost three of five. Its lead in the AL East fell to 4½ games over the New York Yankees, who beat Kansas City on Thursday.

Boston's Heath Hembree and Matt Barnes (3-3) combined to give up four hits and both of Minnesota's runs after Hembree relieved starter Brian Johnson in the

sixth.

ANGELS 12, WHITE SOX 8
ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Francisco Arcia became the first Los Angeles Angels player with four RBIs in his major league debut, hitting a three-run homer and an RBI single. Ian Kinsler and Kole Calhoun also homered for the Angels.

Daniel Palka and Jose Abreu each hit two home

runs for the White Sox, and Avisail Garcia and Nicky Delmonico also went deep. Nick Tropeano (4-5) allowed five runs and five hits in 6 1/3 innings. Dylan Covey (4-6) gave up six runs and nine hits in 4 2/3 innings.

ATHLETICS 7, RANGERS 6
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Trevor Cahill ended a nine-start winless streak, Bartolo Colon failed for his fourth consecutive outing to become the winningest major league pitcher born in Latin America and Oakland beat Texas to complete a four-game sweep.

Matt Chapman homered, tripled twice and scored three runs for the A's, who have swept three four-game series on the road for the first time since 1928. Oakland has won six straight games, matching its season high, is 27-7 since June 16 and trails Seattle by one game for the AL's second wild card.

Cahill (2-2) allowed five runs, seven hits, three walks and a hit batter in five innings. He had been 0-2 since beating the Chicago White Sox on April 17 and twice went on the disabled list. Colon (5-9) allowed six runs and nine hits in seven innings, throwing a season-high 106 pitches. He has 245 wins, tied with Dennis Martinez.□

Yankees' Boone: It's 'realistic' Judge can return in 3 weeks

NEW YORK (AP) — Yankees manager Aaron Boone says it's "pretty realistic" that injured slugger Aaron Judge will be able to play in a game in three weeks. Boone made the assessment Friday, a day after Judge's right wrist was fractured when he was hit by a pitch against Kansas City. Boone said he's not sure if that timeframe means a minor league rehab game or a return to the Yankees' lineup.

"I think the three weeks is a possibility he's in a game," Boone said.

Judge's wrist isn't in a cast



New York Yankees' Aaron Judge reacts after being hit by a pitch during the first inning of the team's baseball game against the Kansas City Royals on Thursday, July 26, 2018, in New York.

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and the team said the All-Star right fielder won't need surgery. The Yankees put him on the 10-day disabled list and recalled infielder-outfielder Tyler Wade from Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.

Judge wasn't available to the media before Friday night's game against Kansas City. He is hitting .285 with 26 home runs and 61 RBIs.

The Yankees went into the weekend trailing AL East-leading Boston by 4½ games. The teams play four times at Fenway Park next week.

Yankees pitcher Sonny Gray said his right thumb was feeling better a day after it was hit by a hard grounder. The right-hander said he fully expects to make his next start as scheduled.

"I'll be ready in five days," he said.

The Yankees also said newly acquired J.A. Happ would make his New York debut Sunday when he starts against the Royals. Toronto traded the lefty on Thursday for infielder Brandon Drury and minor league outfielder Billy McKinney.□

Cubs stun Diamondbacks 7-6 with consecutive homers in 9th

CHICAGO (AP) — David Bote hit a tying, two-run homer off Brad Boxberger with one out in the ninth inning, Anthony Rizzo followed two pitches later with a winning home run and the Chicago Cubs overcame a five-run deficit to beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 7-6 on Thursday.

Bote was called up when Kris Bryant was put on the disabled list because of inflammation in his left shoulder.

Eddie Butler (1-1) retired Jon Jay on a flyout that stranded two runners in the ninth. Boxberger (1-4) was the loser.

Nick Ahmed hit his first career grand slam in the fifth as Arizona built a 6-1 lead.

BREWERS 7, GIANTS 5
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

All-Star reliever Josh Hader retired four batters to earn a win while making his first appearance on the road since the lefty's years-old racist and homophobic tweets surfaced during the All-Star Game, helping lead the Brewers past the Giants.

Booed as he ran in from the bullpen to pitch with two outs in the sixth, Hader (3-0) immediately got Brandon Crawford to ground out. Travis Shaw hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning. Pinch-hitter Ryan Braun contributed a key RBI single as Milwaukee rallied in the eighth.

Mark Melancon (0-1) took the loss.

DODGERS 8, BRAVES 2
ATLANTA (AP) — Manny Machado hit his first home run for Los Angeles, Rich Hill pitched seven dominant



Chicago Cubs celebrate after Anthony Rizzo hit a game-winning home run against the Arizona Diamondbacks during the ninth inning of a baseball game Thursday, July 26, 2018, in Chicago. The Cubs won 7-6.

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innings and the Dodgers routed Atlanta.

Machado, acquired last week from Baltimore to add even more punch to a team that leads the National League in homers, went deep in his seventh

game with the Dodgers. He lined a fastball into the left-field seats leading off the sixth against Anibal Sanchez. Machado's 25th homer of the season overall. Hill (4-4) limited the Braves to three hits and

a walk while striking out seven, and he even picked up his first RBI of the season. While Sanchez (5-3) turned in another solid outing for the Braves, defensive blunders and a lack of offense ruined his night. □

LHP COLE HAMELS

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He is 7-6 with a 3.48 ERA in 16 career postseason starts.

"To be able to change kind of the mindset, now to go on a first-place team, there's something inside of you that sparks when you get in those situations," Hamels said at the Rangers ballpark after the trade was announced.

Hamels, who had been scheduled to start for Texas on Saturday in Houston, will instead travel then to join the Cubs for the rest of their series in St. Louis. The lefty said he wasn't sure yet when he would make his first start for Chicago.

"I think teams know he's better than he's pitched recently. We certainly know that," said Rangers general manager Jon Daniels, adding that the Cubs were one of four teams he had serious discussions about Hamels with on Thursday.

Cubs manager Joe Maddon was in Tampa Bay's dugout when Hamels led the Phillies past the Rays for the championship 10 years ago.

"He's been pretty good. I've not liked him for a long time," Maddon cracked after Chicago's 7-6 victory over Arizona on Thursday. "He's pitched some really big games against teams I've been involved with and he's done really well. He's a great competitor, got good stuff. But he just competes and he knows what he's doing out there, so I'd have to rank him as a pretty competent major league left-handed pitcher."

The Rangers clinched the AL West title on the final day of the 2015 regular season when Hamels threw a three-hitter against the Los Angeles Angels. Texas won the division again in 2016, but both times lost to Toronto in the AL Division Series.

"It's always that chase for that World Series, you start realize how difficult it is to achieve," Hamels said. "That was something I wanted to be able to do in Texas, and it didn't happen. ... Going to Chicago, set up pretty nicely to be able to do so, I'm really excited to just kind of move

right in and be a part of that."

Hamels is 3-1 with a 1.76 ERA in six career starts at Wrigley. The San Diego native struck out 13 while pitching a no-hitter at Chicago's iconic ballpark in his final start with the Phillies in 2015. He was traded to Texas six days later.

The Cubs are on top of the NL with a 60-42 record entering Friday night's game at St. Louis, but they haven't received much length from their starting pitching. All-Star Jon Lester and Mike Montgomery, who began the year in the bullpen, have been their most consistent performers. Yu Darvish, who signed a \$126 million, six-year contract in February, is on the disabled list with a right elbow impingement and inflammation, and it's unclear when he might return. Tyler Chatwood, another free-agent pitcher who signed with Chicago over the winter, leads the majors with a whopping 85 walks in 94 innings.

Jose Quintana was winless in June, but the Colombian lefty is showing signs of



In this June 13, 2018, file photo, Texas Rangers starting pitcher Cole Hamels throws to a Los Angeles Dodgers batter during the first inning of a baseball game in Los Angeles.

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coming around. He is 3-0 with a 1.89 ERA in his last three starts.

Quintana was acquired in a costly trade with the crosstown White Sox last July that included touted prospects Eloy Jimenez and Dylan Cease. The Cubs emptied their once rich farm system on the way to three straight NLCS appearances and a historic championship in 2016, hurting their chances of making a major trade this year.

The deal for Hamels is their second trade with Texas in the past couple weeks. Jes-

se Chavez was acquired in a July 19 trade for a minor league pitcher, and the veteran reliever pitched five scoreless innings over his first four appearances with Chicago.

Butler will join the Rangers during their series this weekend in Houston. Lacy, an 11th-round pick in last year's draft out of Creighton, was assigned to Class A Down East. Butler is 1-1 with a 4.08 ERA in eight appearances this year. He was activated from the 60-day disabled list Tuesday after being sidelined by a right groin strain. □

Russia could be reinstated in December, says IAAF



In this Friday, June 17, 2016 file photo, Rune Andersen, Chair of IAAF Inspection Team, speaks at a news conference at the Grand Hotel in Vienna, Austria.

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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Russia could be provisionally reinstated to worldwide track and field competition in December if it meets certain conditions, the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) said Friday.

Track and field's governing body suspended Russia in November 2015 after a World Anti-Doping Agency report detailed widespread, state-sponsored doping in the sport.

"They have made significant improvement in meeting the outstanding requirements," Rune Andersen, the IAAF's Russia task force head, said during a two-day meeting in Argentina's capital.

"In fact, in some cases, they have gone above and beyond what is required."

Andersen, however, said three conditions had to be met before Russia could be readmitted to international competition.

Firstly, RUSA (the Russian Athletics Federation) has to pay for costs incurred by the IAAF as a result of the scandal.

The WADA must also reinstate the Russian Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA), which depends on the country acknowledging the findings that officials at the Russian ministry of sports orchestrated the doping of its athletes, and its cover-up.

Finally, Russian authorities have to give access to data from doping tests carried out at RUSADA's Moscow laboratory from 2011-15.

"It would make a mockery of clean sport to reinstate RUSA when the evidence required to resolve these suspicions, one way or the other, is still being withheld," Andersen said.

WADA is communicating with Russian authorities to try to resolve these issues before the meeting of the doping agency's executive committee in September.

"We hope there will be a breakthrough," Andersen said. "If these points are resolved before the (IAAF) Council's next meeting in Monaco in December 2018, then the Task Force would hope and expect to be able to recommend that RUSA would be provisionally reinstated at that time."

The Russian team was banned from the Winter Olympics in February. □



Katie Ledecky swims to a win in the women's 800-meter freestyle during the U.S. national championships swimming meet Wednesday, July 25, 2018, in Irvine, Calif.

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Missy Franklin misses out at U.S. Nationals

By BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — Missy Franklin missed out at the U.S. national championships, failing to qualify for the two biggest meets leading up to the 2020 Olympics.

Franklin didn't make the final in either of her events and as a result will miss next month's Pan Pacific championships in Tokyo and the 2019 world championships. She led through the first three laps in the C final of the 200-meter freestyle on Thursday night before fading to third and touching in 1 minute, 59.15 seconds.

"I've trained really, really hard the past seven months, and was definitely hoping it would show up a little bit more," Franklin said.

The four-time gold medalist at the 2012 London Games didn't enter her signature backstroke events, having undergone two shoulder surgeries at the start of last year. Katie Ledecky averted a potential crisis in the morning preliminaries, swimming in a practice suit after her racing suit split.

The five-time Olympic champion wasn't the only one having a wardrobe malfunction.

Ledecky said several swimmers' suits were sticking to them and tearing, in part because of the near 90-de-

gree heat in the morning and steamy conditions from showers running constantly in the locker room. "It was a blessing in disguise because it really pushed me to get out of my comfort zone and really race this morning," she said. "Kind of tried to take that same energy and apply it tonight in a racing suit. Just made my morning a little bit harder."

Ledecky led all the way to win the 200 free, earning a second individual event to swim in Japan next month. Ledecky touched first in 1 minute, 54.60 seconds, second-fastest in the world this year behind her top time of 1:54.56 she swam in June. Looking on was Lakers great Kobe Bryant and one of his daughters.

Ledecky qualified for her second event at the Pan Pacific championships

in Tokyo in August after winning the 800 free on Wednesday.

Swimming in the next lane, three-time Olympian Allison Schmitt chased Ledecky the entire race and finished second in 1:55.82.

Schmitt was buoyed by supportive messages from friend Michael Phelps in her comeback that began full-time in January.

"He just reminded me that swimming is such a small part of life," she said.

"You're still loved by the same people."

Also earning trips to Japan were third-place Gabby Deloof and Olympian Leah Smith, who was fourth.

The foursome qualified for the 4x200 free relay at Pan Pacs, reuniting Ledecky and Schmitt, who first swam a relay together at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games.

Andrew Seliskar surprised a field including five Olympians to win the men's 200 free in 1:45.70, third-quickest in the world this year.

Micah Sumrall, who took time off after failing to make the 2016 Olympic team, won the 200 breaststroke by 1.26 seconds. Sumrall, who used to swim under her maiden name of Lawrence, touched in 2:22.06, fourth-best in the world this year. Lilly King, the Olympic 100 breast champion, was fifth.

The men's 200 breast winner was 2016 Olympic silver medalist Josh Prenot in 2:07.28, the world's fastest time this year.

There was a tie for first in the women's 200 backstroke between 2016 Olympian Kathleen Baker and 16-year-old Regan Smith. Their time of 2:06.43 was third-quickest in the world this year and a junior world record for Smith.

"It was crazy," a breathless Smith said. □

Thomas can taste Tour title with 1 big stage to go

By ANDREW DAMPF

LARUNS, France (AP) —

Having worn the leader's yellow jersey over the Alps and through the Pyrenees, only one more challenging stage stands in the way of Geraint Thomas winning his first Tour de France.

Thomas takes an advantage of 2 minutes, 5 seconds over Dutch rival Tom Dumoulin into Saturday's 31-kilometer (19-mile) individual time trial in the Basque Country.

The pressure of leading has reminded Thomas of the time he helped Britain to the gold medal in team pursuit on the track at the 2012 London Olympics.

"It comes down to tomorrow but I can take confidence with how I'm riding, and what will be will be," he said. "There's still one more big day to go."

While Dumoulin is the time trial world champion, Thomas is quite capable in the discipline and acknowledged he should be able to protect his advantage. "It's going to be a tough day tomorrow. I'm really knackered," Thomas said. "I'm still trying not to get carried away."

He increased his lead after the final mountain stage on Friday, while Sky teammate and four-time champion Chris Froome lost his spot on

the podium.

Primoz Roglic of Slovenia won the 200.5-kilometer (125-mile) 19th leg through the Pyrenees with an attack on the dangerous descent from the Col d'Aubisque. A former ski jumper who rides for Team Lotto NL-Jumbo, Roglic finished 19 seconds ahead of Thomas, while Romain Bardet of France crossed third with the same time.

"I had legs today," Roglic said. "I really tried a lot of times and finally I went away on the descent."

Thomas received a six-second bonus for ending up second, while Dumoulin finished sixth and Froome eighth, both with the same time as the race leader. Roglic leapfrogged Froome into third spot overall, 2:24 off the pace, while the defending champion now trails by 2:37.

After the hilly time trial, the race concludes with the mostly ceremonial finish on the Champs-Elysees in Paris on Sunday.

Froome initially fell behind on Friday's climb up the Aubisque before latching back onto the lead group on the descent.

It was Roglic's second Tour victory, having claimed Stage 17 in the Alps last year. Roglic, who also excels at time trials, showed



Britain's Geraint Thomas, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, grimaces as he sprints with France's Romain Bardet, right, and Ireland's Daniel Martin, left, towards the finish line of the nineteenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 200.5 kilometers (124.6 miles) with start in Lourdes and finish in Laruns, France, Friday July 27, 2018.

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courage on a twisty descent made more difficult by clouds and fog hanging over the Aubisque.

When the road allowed, he crouched down on to his bike frame in a risky aerodynamic move known as "super tucking."

Dumoulin accused the stage winner of 'drafting' behind a motorbike.

"Roglic was the strongest today, and a lot of respect for his victory. But he was flying downhill, and even-

tually I got dropped on a straight part just because he was on his tube and full in the slipstream of the motorbike," Dumoulin said.

Roglic rejected the accusation. "I don't think so," he said. "I don't have influence on that. We all have the same possibilities to go the first one down. I didn't notice anything unusual."

The route from the pilgrimage town of Lourdes to Laruns took the peloton over three legendary

climbs — the Col d'Aspin, the Col du Tourmalet and the Aubisque — before the dive down to the finish.

Mountain classifications leader Julian Alaphilippe was first over the Aspin and Tourmalet as part of an early breakaway.

Mikel Landa and Bardet then attacked from the yellow jersey group up the Tourmalet and joined the leaders before Roglic, Thomas and Dumoulin took over on the final climb. □

CAS upholds ex-FIFA Valcke's 10-year ban from soccer

LAUSANNE, Switzerland

(AP) — Jerome Valcke's 10-year ban from football was upheld by the Court of Arbitration for Sport on Friday. The secretary general at FIFA for eight years during Sepp Blatter's presidency was fired in 2016 and banned from all football-

related activity for 10 years by the FIFA ethics committee.

His appeal was heard in October, and on Friday it was dismissed by CAS.

"The offenses found to have been committed by Jerome Valcke were cumulatively of a serious degree of gravity," CAS said in its statement, adding the ban and fine of 100,000 Swiss francs (\$100,200) "were wholly proportionate."

The former TV presenter from France was a FIFA marketing executive — being fired once before in 2006 — before becoming

then-president Blatter's right-hand man the next year. He was fired a second time in January 2016 after being implicated in irregular World Cup ticket and broadcast rights sales, plus expense abuses including personal use of private jets. The FIFA ethics committee banned Valcke for 12 years, with an additional charge of destroying evidence. FIFA's appeal panel cut the ban by two years because it judged the broadcasting deal charge was not proven.

Valcke denied all wrongdoing. □



In this Feb. 18, 2014 file Former FIFA Secretary General Jerome Valcke speaks during a news conference for the 2014 World Cup in Florianopolis, Brazil.

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Facebook's day of reckoning: Blip or sign of broader turn?

By BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Facebook faced a day of reckoning Thursday as its shares plunged in the biggest one-day drop in stock-market history.

The 19 percent drop vaporized \$119 billion of the company's stock-market value; CEO Mark Zuckerberg saw his net worth fall by roughly \$16 billion as a result. It was Facebook's worst trading day since going public in 2012; the collapse eclipsed Intel's decline of \$91 billion in September 2000, without adjusting for inflation.

The plunge followed Facebook's warning late Wednesday that its revenue growth will slow down significantly for at least the remainder of the year and that expenses will continue to skyrocket.

In a sign of just how bullish investor expectations were, though, the collapse merely returned Facebook shares to a level last seen in early May. At that point, the stock was still recovering from an earlier battering over its big privacy



This March 29, 2018 file photo shows the Facebook logo on screens at the Nasdaq MarketSite in New York's Times Square.

scandal, in which a political consulting firm with ties to President Donald Trump improperly accessed the data of tens millions of Facebook users.

Now come the big questions: Is this a temporary setback, or the start of a painful new road for the giant social network? And does a similar comeuppance await other high-flying technology behemoths? Both the slower growth forecast and heavier spending reflect problems largely of Facebook's own making.

New European privacy

rules, inspired in part by Facebook's relentless mining of its own users' data, are starting to hamper the company's advertising business. And the increased spending aims, among other things, to prevent a replay of the fake news and propaganda that Russian agents unleashed on an unguarded Facebook in an attempt to sway the 2016 presidential election. Zuckerberg even noted during a call with analysts that "we're investing so much in security that it will significantly impact our

profitability."

Overall, technology giants — Facebook, Apple, Google, Amazon and others — have enjoyed almost unprecedented growth in revenue and stock price for years. They have seemed unstoppable, even in the face of regulatory pressure, user dissatisfaction and broader existential questions about their impact on society. Technology companies account for six of the 10 biggest companies in the S&P 500 Index.

Some see the Facebook selloff as clear evidence that nothing can grow forever, especially not the world's biggest companies, especially not at the rate of nimble, promising startups. Facebook revenue is still growing at a rate double that of Twitter. A decade ago, almost no one could have imagined that Facebook would have more than 2 billion users, much less that its family of apps — Instagram, WhatsApp and Messenger — would also count members in the billions.

"Nobody knows where the

top is, where that growth slows down," said Phil Bak, CEO of Exponential ETFs and a former managing director of the New York Stock Exchange who said he's been warning investors of a potential sell-off in large tech stocks.

Things could get rougher still. Those European privacy regulations, known as the General Data Privacy Regulation, or GDPR, went into effect with just one month left in the second quarter. That means Facebook could feel its effects more strongly later this year. For more than a year — ever since Zuckerberg published a 5,000 word manifesto arguing that Facebook needs to make the world a better place by bolstering civic engagement and addressing social ills — the company has seemed torn between its philosophical mission and its economic one. Wednesday may have been the first time this tension really broke into the open, probably because it threatened the one thing all investors care about: Money. □

How China, Russia, Iran target U.S. with economic espionage



In this Jan. 31, 2018, file photo, the sun rises beyond power lines in St. Charles Parish, La.

Associated Press

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — China, Russia and Iran are ramping up their theft of trade secrets and proprietary information from U.S. companies, government labs and universities to hurdle America's competitive edge.

A new government cyber report, released Thursday

by the National Counterintelligence Security Center, offers these recent examples of the economic espionage it says poses a significant threat to U.S. prosperity and security:

CHINA

—In November, three Chinese nationals were accused of operating a cybersecurity firm that used

phishing scams and malware to steal data from international corporations. A federal indictment unsealed in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, said the trio's targets included Siemens AG, Moody's Analytics in New York and Trimble Inc. in Sunnyvale, California.

—Cybersecurity experts found links between Chinese cyber actors and a back door that allowed entry into commercial software known as CCleaner. This back door allowed them to target U.S. companies, including Google, Microsoft, Intel and VMware.

—In November, PricewaterhouseCoopers reported that another China-based hacker group, known as KeyBoy, was moving beyond targets in Asia to conduct cyber snooping on Western corporations.

—Chinese cyberespionage actors, known as

TEMP Periscope, continued to target the maritime industry and U.S. research institutions, academic organizations and private firms that are focused on engineering. FireEye, a California security research firm, has detected sharp increases in this group's targeting early this year.

—Last year, the China-linked cyberespionage group APT10 was involved in widespread operations to target engineering, telecommunications and aerospace industries across the globe, including the U.S.

RUSSIA

—In 2016, a hacker known as Eas7, told Western news reporters that she had collaborated with the Russian Federal Security Service, formerly the KGB, on economic espionage missions. She estimated that "among the good hackers, at least half" work for government

agencies, suggesting that Moscow employs cyber criminals so they can deny being behind the operations.

—Russian government hackers last year compromised dozens of U.S. energy firms, including their operational networks. The operations were conducted to collect intelligence, gain access so the hackers could later launch service disruptions and provide sensitive U.S. intellectual property to Russian companies.

—The Russian state-sponsored cyberoperation known as APT28 has been gathering intelligence on U.S. and European defense and geopolitical issues since at least 2007. Obtaining sensitive U.S. defense industry data could give Russia economic and security advantages as it seeks to strengthen and modernize its military. □

Hot item for sale at small companies: The business itself

By STAN CHOE
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — For many small businesses, the easiest thing to sell right now might be the business itself.

Buyout activity is booming, and the prices being paid are at or near records for companies up to \$50 million in value, brokers say. Many small-business owners are fielding more cold calls asking if their companies are for sale, and owners who do put their businesses on the market are often receiving multiple bids.

"I've been doing this for 20 years, and I can say that if this isn't the top market, it's the top one or two in recent years," said Scott Bushkie, principal at Cornerstone Business Services, a mergers-and-acquisition firm based in Wisconsin that works with lower middle market companies. "You've really got the stars all aligned."

Among those stars: Companies that want to grow may see an acquisition as the easiest way to get trained workers amid a tight labor market. Lower taxes and lighter regulation have improved sentiment. On top of all that is a generation of Baby Boomers looking to sell and retire. The market is so hot that Bushkie has heard some prospective buyers say they're interested in a purchase, but they're too busy at the moment with other acquisitions.

The jump in activity has pushed prices up. One traditional way that brokers



Tom Szold, Chief Executive Officer at Precision Safe Sidewalks, works from a coffee shop on Friday, July 27, 2018, in Alexandria, Va.

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set the price for a company is to look at its earnings before interest payments, taxes, depreciation costs and amortization, which is called EBITDA.

In the first three months of the year, the typical purchase price was 6.1 times EBITDA for a company valued between \$5 million and \$50 million. That's up by more than a third from four years earlier, according to surveys from the International Business Brokers Association, M&A Source and the Pepperdine Private Capital Markets Project.

In the insurance industry, prices have neared 12 times EBITDA, said Mike Shea, president and CEO of Shea Barclay Group. His company has made three acquisitions in the last 16

months.

"It's really unprecedented, not only the volume of deals, but the competition for deals," Shea said. "We're excited to be on the buy side, but we also take into consideration that it almost reminds you of the housing market: Are we at the peak?"

Still, Shea and brokers across industries say they don't see signs of the market cooling. Even recent increases in interest rates, which would seem to be a deterrent, haven't dented deal activity. If anything, they may have pushed some buyers to make their purchases before rates moved even higher.

"You would think there would be a tipping point" from higher rates, said Craig

Everett, finance professor at Pepperdine Graziadio Business School. "With the tax and regulation environment a little bit more business-friendly now, maybe that's delayed the change in valuations. But it seems like everyone thought that the valuations would be going down by now, and it hasn't."

Small business owners are selling to people like Tom Szold, who had been working in public affairs but always wanted to run a business. He joined with his brother and a friend in May to buy Precision Safe Sidewalks, which helps city governments and other customers identify where their trip hazards are and how to fix them.

He got help through the

process from an attorney and the selling company's broker, as well as a Small Business Administration loan provider. One of the biggest lessons: "Everything takes longer than you think," he said. "Estimate how much time you think it's going to take and add to it."

Some other considerations small business owners should keep in mind:

— If there's a time to sell, this may be it.

"A lot of times the owners wait a little too long to sell," said Everett. "They wait until the business starts to stagnate, and then they think of getting out." But owners will always get a better price when their business is growing.

— Selling doesn't have to mean leaving.

Jeff Kaplan, the founder of cloud-service provider Breakthrough Technology Group, had long declined calls from potential acquirers as he focused on building the business. But he recently decided he wanted a more national scope, so he sold a majority stake to Abry Partners, a private-equity firm, in December. A few months later, Breakthrough Technology Group merged with another company owned by Abry, NexusTek.

Kaplan, now chief revenue and strategy officer at NexusTek, says he doesn't miss being the owner of his own business, in part because the company now has roughly 10 times more employees. □

Nod for Disney's \$71.3B acquisition of Fox entertainment

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NEW YORK (AP) — Disney's \$71.3 billion acquisition of Twenty-First Century Fox's entertainment division is one step closer after shareholders approved the deal Friday.

The tie-up brings together

Marvel's X-Men and Avengers franchises and creates an entertainment behemoth in the digital streaming era. The shareholder vote caps a saga that began in December 2017, when Disney made its first offer for part of Rupert Murdoch's media conglomerate. It kicked off a bidding war with Comcast, which

dropped out last week focus on attempted buyout of the European pay-TV operator Sky.

The Fox deal will help Disney compete with technology players like Amazon and Netflix.

The agreement is not expected to close for several months and still requires regulatory approvals. □



In this Aug. 8, 2017, file photo, The Walt Disney Co. logo appears on a screen above the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

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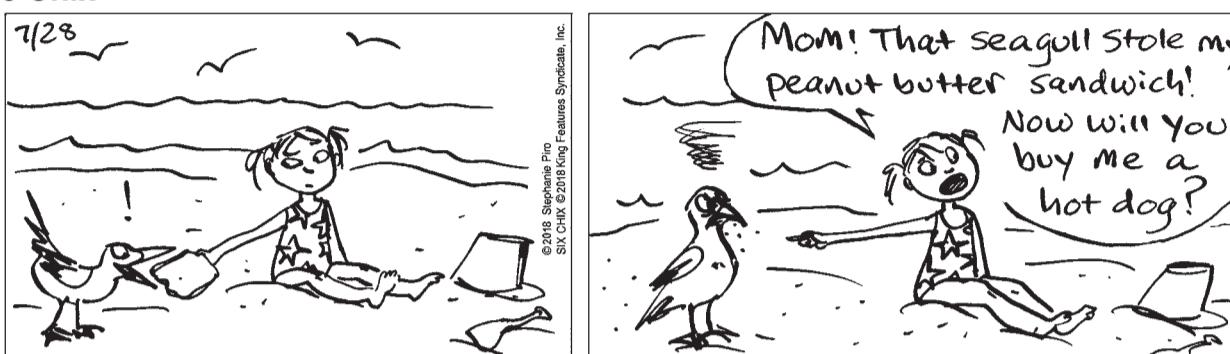
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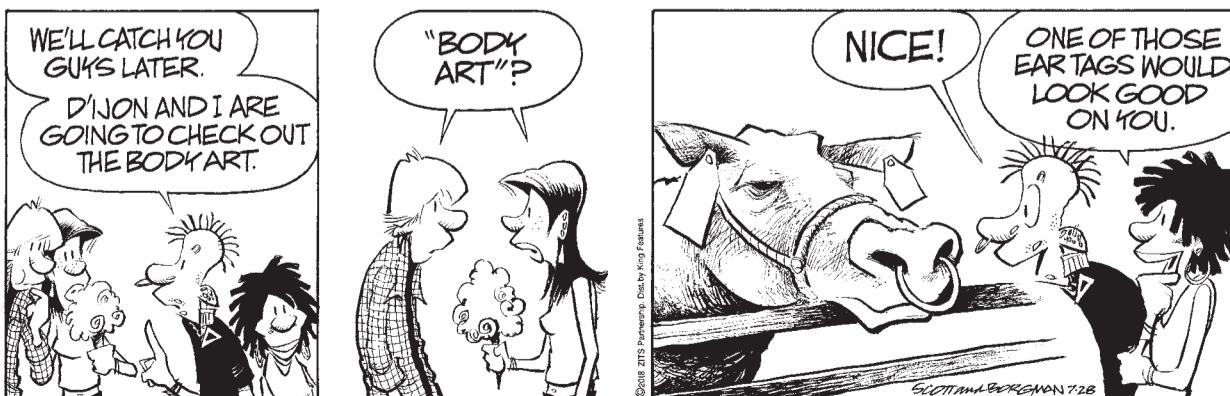
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In this May 1, 2018, file photo, a tiger cub is shown inside a veterinary clinic at Gladys Porter Zoo in Brownsville, Texas.

Associated Press

Tiger cub abandoned at Texas border gets new, permanent home

Associated Press

WYLIE, Texas (AP) — A live tiger cub that was abandoned in a duffel bag at the U.S. border is settling into his new home in Texas. Kenobi arrived Thursday night at In-Sync Exotics, an animal sanctuary in Wylie, 30 miles (50 kilometers) northeast of Dallas. Border Patrol agents discovered the cub April 30 while patrolling along the Rio Grande near Brownsville. They said three people apparently trying to enter the U.S. illegally just dumped the bag containing the tiger and fled back to Mexico.

Kenobi was initially given a temporary home at the Gladys Porter Zoo in Brownsville, but his move

to In-Sync Exotics is permanent. The sanctuary says Kenobi will have a playmate in Kylo Ren, a white tiger cub born there in March shortly after the rescue of his parents. □



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Urban island effect' compounds Phoenix's sweltering heat

By ANITA SNOW

Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — When temperatures soar as they have this week in downtown Phoenix, homeless people ride the air-conditioned light rail to avoid a heat so brutal it killed 155 people in the city and surrounding areas last year. An occasional siren wails as paramedics rush to help people sick from the heat. Already devilishly hot for being in the Sonoran desert, Arizona's largest city is also an "urban heat island," a phenomenon that pushes up temperatures in areas covered in heat-retaining asphalt and concrete. Forecasters said the high for Phoenix had risen to 111 degrees (44 Celsius) by midafternoon Thursday and was not expected to hit Wednesday's record high for the day of 116.

Phoenix officials say they are tackling urban warming, monitoring downtown temperatures, planting thousands of trees and capturing rainwater to cool off public spaces.

Elsewhere, Chicago maintains more than 500,000 trees to offset rising temperatures and is a national leader among cities for so-called green roofs covered with vegetation. Los Angeles adopted an ordinance in 2014 to require reflective "cool roofs" for new homes including rentals, while Seattle is working to restore the city's forested parklands.

But climate specialists like Brian Stone, who runs the Georgia Institute of Technology's Urban Climate Lab, said more is needed. In urban heat islands, solar radiation and hot air from vehicles and buildings get trapped between high-rises. There aren't enough



In this Monday, July 23, 2018 photo, heat ripples blur the downtown skyline as a jet lands in Phoenix, Ariz., as temperatures exceed 100 degrees in the morning hours.

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trees to provide shade and evaporative cooling that can bring down temperatures.

"We are working against a pronounced warming trend in large cities, and so it will require a substantial resurfacing of urban environments simply to slow the rate of warming," Stone said.

He said the heat island effect prevents a city from peeling off the day's furnace-like heat after the sun sets, driving up temperatures over time. His team's research shows Phoenix temperatures rising nearly 1 degree per decade, consistently placing it alongside Dallas and Louisville, Kentucky, as some of the fastest-warming U.S. cities. He said Phoenix is warming at three times the rate of the planet as a whole.

Stone noted the heat island effect is caused by local land use and energy decisions and is separate from global warming, but said the two often work to-

gether.

While the heat increases energy consumption and air pollution, authorities in Phoenix, the hottest of the three cities, worry most about health problems like heat stroke or heat exhaustion. So far this year, five people have died in Maricopa County from heat-associated causes, and another 34 cases are being investigated, public health officials said.

"If similar numbers of people died from any other type of weather event, it would be considered a national disaster," noted Phoenix sustainability officer Mark Hartman.

The danger is especially acute for people like the homeless and elderly. An unusual heat wave in France in 2003 killed nearly 15,000 people, mostly old people left by vacationing relatives in homes without air conditioning as temperatures soared above 100 (37 Celsius) degrees.

Long noted in cities as far

flung as Cairo, Mumbai, Johannesburg, Mexico City and Nanjing, China, the heat island effect can add more than 10 degrees Fahrenheit to nighttime temperatures, climate scientists say.

Forecasts now take into consideration the heat island, which in the case of Phoenix stretches some 25 miles (40 kilometers) out from the city's airport, National Weather Service forecaster Marvin Percha said.

To show the difference the effect can make, he noted that in June 2017 the nighttime low at Arizona State University's grassy campus in Tempe was just 69 degrees (21 Celsius). But the nighttime low just 5 1/2 miles (9 kilometers) away at Phoenix's Sky Harbor International Airport, where expanses of asphalt cover former farm fields, was 81 degrees (27 degrees Celsius).

Phoenix officials recently created a tree and shade

subcommittee to study the heat island problem and make recommendations, and vowed to plant 3,000 new trees this year. Many people associate Phoenix with cactus, but acacia, blue palo verde, ironwood, desert willow and other trees thrive here.

Aimee Esposito, executive director of non-governmental Trees Matter, said her Phoenix organization this year plans to give 5,000 small trees to residents across the area's Valley of the Sun, and will plant more at schools through educational programs.

Matt Grubisich, director of operations and urban forestry for the nonprofit Texas Trees Foundation in Dallas, said planting trees is the easiest and most effective action to ease urban heat.

He said his group plants 2,500 trees such as oak, elm, pecan and ash annually. Louisville has planted some 10,000 trees over the past three years — including maples, oaks, elms and Kentucky coffee trees — and sometimes pairs with nonprofit groups to give away trees for smaller areas, such as dogwoods, said city sustainability officer Maria Koetter.

"I really think the community is getting the message about trees," Koetter said. "There's usually a line around the block during the giveaways."

Koetter said Louisville was the first major city to commission a heat management study, which was done by Stone's climate lab. It now offers \$2,000 rebates to homeowners for cool roofs.

Stone said in some cities, hundreds of thousands of trees would be needed to fully counter the heat island effect.

In Phoenix, Hartman, the sustainability officer, said the city is also looking at using lighter-colored asphalt for streets. "A palette of solutions like this is necessary, especially planting shade trees with walkable corridors," said David Sailor, director of Arizona State University's Urban Climate Research Center. □

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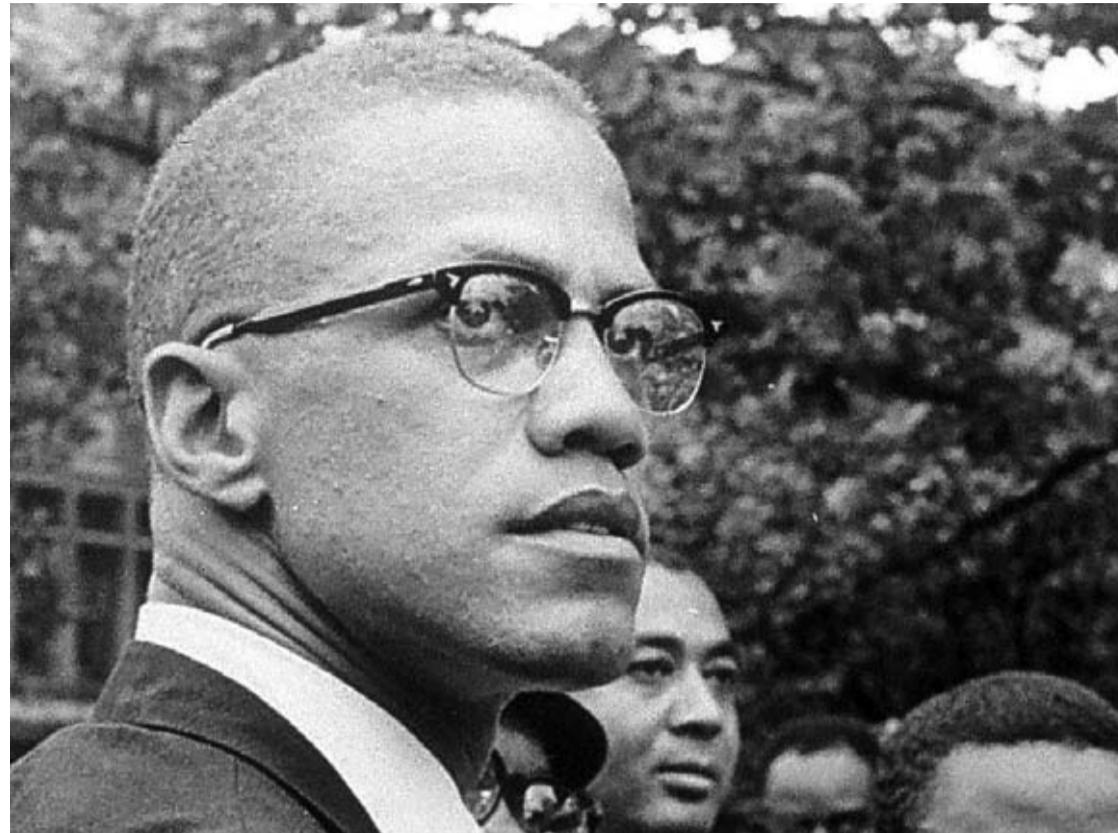
Unpublished parts of Malcolm X's autobiography auctioned off

NEW YORK (AP) — For decades, scholars have wanted to get a closer look at unpublished sections of a towering 20th century book, "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," including cut chapters that may have contained some of the most explosive thoughts of the African-American firebrand assassinated in 1965.

They may get their chance after an auction on Thursday, when a manuscript of an unpublished chapter, titled "The Negro," was sold by Guernsey's auction house for \$7,000.

"We are like the Western deserts; tumbleweed, rolling and tumbling whichever way the white wind blows," reads part of the chapter. "And the white man is like the cactus, deeply rooted, with spines to keep us off."

The buyer was The New York Public Library's Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, based in Harlem. The Schomburg Center also acquired a 241-page early draft of Malcolm X's autobiography at the



In this 1963 file photo, Black Nationalist leader Malcolm X attends a rally at Lennox Avenue and 115th Street in the Harlem neighborhood of New York.

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auction for an undisclosed sum.

The existence of unpublished chapters of the book has been known since 1992, when an entertainment attorney, Gregory Reed, bought them at an estate auction

following the death of the autobiography's co-author, Alex Haley.

Some pages have been exhibited in a Detroit museum. An unpublished introduction was read aloud at an event in 2010. But mostly the sections of

the draft that were cut before publication have been locked away from public view.

Schomburg Center director Kevin Young said after the auction that the draft of the entire book is of immense value, beyond the historic,

for the handwritten revisions and comments by Malcolm X and Haley. Their dialogue, in writing, reflects the human rights activism of the Muslim minister, who indicted white America for what he saw as criminal behavior against blacks.

Opponents including the U.S. government accused Malcolm X of inciting racism and violence. He was assassinated in Harlem by three members of the Nation of Islam, a radical religious movement, shortly after he had broken away from the group.

The scribbled notes in the manuscript "are a very direct narrative that he's crafting," said Young, citing the image of racist cross-burning that Malcolm X's mother described to him as a child. "And that's what brings him into the world."

Loose fragments of Malcolm X's writing-in-the-works suggest a question: Is it possible there are other chapters that were written but cut?

"I examined them, and I don't know what those are," Young said. □

Cambodian, Indian among 2018 winners of Magsaysay awards

By JIM GOMEZ

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A Cambodian genocide survivor who helped document the Khmer Rouge atrocities and an Indian psychiatrist who led the rescue of thousands of mentally ill street paupers to treat and reunite them with their families are among the six winners of this year's Ramon Magsaysay Awards, regarded as Asia's version of the Nobel Prize.

The other recipients named Thursday are a Filipino who led peace talks with communist insurgents, a polio-stricken Vietnamese who fought discrimination against the disabled, an East Timorese who built care centers for the poor amid civil strife and an Indian who tutored village students to help them pass exams.

The awards, named after

a Philippine president who died in a 1957 plane crash, are to be presented in Manila on Aug. 31.

"All are unafraid to take on large causes. All have refused to give up despite meager resources, daunting adversity and strong opposition," Carmencita Abella, president of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation, said of the winners. "Their approaches are all deeply anchored on a respect for human dignity and a faith in the power of collective endeavor."

Youk Chhang lost his father, five of his siblings and nearly 60 of his relatives during the genocidal Khmer Rouge rule in the late 1970s and subsequent civil war, but he escaped and found his way to the United States as a refugee. He returned home after order was restored and headed



Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation President Carmencita Abella poses with pictures of this year's Ramon Magsaysay awardees in Manila, Philippines, Thursday, July 26, 2018.

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a center that documented the horrific violence in aid of the Khmer Rouge war crimes trials.

The massive scope of his group's work included collecting more than a million documents, producing digital maps of more than 23,000 mass graves and excavating remains for forensic examination. Youk,

57, is currently involved in a project to develop a museum, archives, library and a graduate program on crimes against humanity.

In India, where there are an estimated 400,000 street paupers with mental illness, psychiatrist Bharat Vatwani started a mission in 1988 that by now has rescued, treated and reintegrated

into their families more than 7,000 of them.

Vatwani's "healing compassion" affirmed "the human dignity of even the most ostracized in our midst," the foundation said. Filipino businessman Howard Dee turned to a range of civic work, including responding to widespread contingencies in the southern Philippines caused by drought, famine and insurgency-wrought violence. He served as a government negotiator in peace talks with communist rebels in the 1990s.

Contracting polio when she was 2 years old, Vo Thi Hoang Yen helped found a non-profit group in 2005, which has helped about 15,000 people with disabilities get jobs. A showcase project involved a motorcycle taxi service designed for the disabled. □

Q&A: McQuarrie talks action, Cruise, 'Mission: Impossible'

By LINDSEY BAHR

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In previous "Mission: Impossible" movies, action often came first, and story second.

It's almost ironic then that when writer-director Christopher McQuarrie and Tom Cruise decided to focus on character for the sixth movie, "Fallout," now playing nationwide, they'd end up with the most exciting "Mission" ever — wall-to-wall with stunning set pieces in helicopters, trucks, motorcycles. Even a three-man fight in a public restroom is a standout sequence that rivals the very real danger Cruise put himself in (106 times) to do a parachute jump from 25,000 feet.

McQuarrie, 50, a Hollywood journeyman who won an Oscar 22 years ago for writing "The Usual Suspects," has been one of Cruise's go-to guys for a decade, writing "Valkyrie" and "Edge of Tomorrow" and directing "Jack Reacher" and 2015's "Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation."

He spoke to The Associated Press recently from Seoul about his crazy feat, and



In this July 22, 2018 file photo, actor Tom Cruise, left, and director, writer, producer Christopher McQuarrie attend the premiere of "Mission: Impossible - Fallout" in Washington.

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making the sixth, and best-reviewed, "Mission" movie. Remarks have been edited for clarity and brevity.

AP: How did you do this?

MCQUARRIE: We did not set out to make you know the biggest, giant-est, craziest, most outrageous "Mission" ever. I said to Tom I want

to make a more emotional movie, a more character-driven movie that's more about Ethan. By keeping our heads down and focusing on that it didn't really occur to us just how big ("Fallout") was until we were well into it. As we started to take stock as the movie started to take shape we realized, "Oh my God we've got this sequence, that sequence, this other sequence." In a previous "Mission: Impossible" any one of those stunts would have been The Stunt.

AP: That's surprising that it's not all mapped out meticulously.

MCQUARRIE: Tom said with "Rogue Nation," "I want the audience to experience what it's like for us to make movies." There's very little difference between watching a "Mission: Impossible" movie and making a "Mission: Impossible" movie. A lot of these things we're making up as we go along. There's very seldom a finished script when we go into production. We come

up with big crazy ideas in the middle of the movie, so people are forced to scramble to put them together and it's always a race against the clock. The vibe of what you're feeling when you're watching the movie is what we feel every day when we go to work.

AP: And yet your action sequences are notably coherent — no shaky cam, no contrivances. Why do you do it that way?

MCQUARRIE: I'm obsessed with clarity and geography. Those are the first two rules of any action sequence ... For me it's important that you sit back and the movie comes at you and requires nothing from you in terms of comprehension. What that demands of the actors is that they bring the energy. And when you look at that bathroom fight, it's very straightforward: Three guys fighting in a bathroom. But the actors were all so focused and so rehearsed and so dedicated to what they were doing, the energy is on screen, not in the camera work. And I don't get inside the fight. I stay outside of it. Just over one character's shoulder. What I'm doing is essentially making you a bystander. I'm putting you right in the action.

AP: Is there a set-piece you're most proud of?

MCQUARRIE: The things I'm most proud of are the emotional moments. Ilsa (Rebecca Ferguson) following Ethan is the definition of what we call shoe leather. And it cannot survive the "get to the next moment right now" process of film-making. That survived four

test screenings. Never got a studio note. The fact that I cut two giant stunts out that were in the first trailer, and yet that scene stayed? That's something I'm immensely proud of.

AP: What was going through your mind when Tom Cruise got injured during filming?

MCQUARRIE: Disaster is the opportunity to excel. When you make enough movies, you realize that setbacks are a natural part of the creative process and if you don't panic, they almost always turn to your benefit. So as soon as he broke his ankle, my first concern was, "Is he OK" not, "Oh no this is going to ruin the movie." I knew this was going to in some way benefit the film. And it did. We shut production down. Tom went right into physical therapy. And I went into the editing room and started to assemble the movie. I was able to make the discoveries I normally wouldn't have made until well after the film was finished.

AP: What are your aspirations from here?

MCQUARRIE: I started directing as a means of making the one movie I really dreamed of making and never got there. Where my career changed was when I stopped asking, "Would you make my movie" and started asking, "How can I help you make your film?" And the change was immediate. I went from not making a film for seven years to working on 13 or 14 movies in the last 10 years. I just go through the door that opens. I'm following whatever happens and currently I've got Tom Cruise saying, "All right, what are we doing next?" That's a very difficult thing to walk away from. □

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Auctioneer: Rosa Parks house has buyers, working out details

By MICHELLE R. SMITH
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) —

The auctioneer selling the house where Rosa Parks sought refuge after fleeing the South amid death threats said after the auction on Thursday there are buyers interested, but it will take a few days to work out the details.

The house was included in an auction by Guernsey's in New York as part of a larger sale of African-American cultural and historic items. It was listed with a minimum bid of \$1 million, with a pre-sale estimate of \$1 million to \$3 million.

It didn't sell during the auction, but Arlan Ettinger, of Guernsey's, said he was approached after the auc-



In this April 1, 2018 file photo, visitors view the rebuilt house of Rosa Parks at the WaterFire Arts Center in Providence, R.I.

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tion by a buyer who had trouble entering a bid online. He did not release the buyer's identity.

Among the other items of interest that sold was Alex Haley's manuscript of "The Autobiography of Malcolm

X," including handwritten notes by Malcolm X and Haley, which sold to New York's Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Ettinger said. It was sold after the auction, and he did not immediately re-

lease the price.

Parks moved to Detroit in 1957, two years after refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white passenger in Montgomery, Alabama. She stayed for a time in her brother's tiny, wood-framed home with 17 other relatives, according to family members.

The house eventually was abandoned and ended up on a demolition list before Parks' niece, Rhea McCauley, bought it for \$500 and donated it to American artist Ryan Mendoza in an attempt to preserve her aunt's legacy. Mendoza took it apart and shipped it to Germany and reassembled it in his yard in Berlin, turning it into a work of art that became a destination

for people curious about Parks.

Mendoza brought the house back to the U.S. earlier this year and displayed it in Rhode Island as he searched for a permanent place to reassemble the fragile structure for the final time. It is now packed in shipping containers awaiting its new home.

He has said he hopes it will be displayed so the public can see it. The auction house has said the proceeds of the sale will be split between Mendoza and Parks' family.

Mendoza, who was in Berlin for the auction, followed the sale online and initially thought it had failed to sell after bidding did not reach the minimum of \$1 million. □

Willie Nile delivers depth, danceable defiance

By KILEY ARMSTRONG
Associated Press

Willie Nile, "Children of Paradise" (River House Records)

"I wanna be a painting; I don't wanna be a sketch." Willie Nile, who embraces this noble objective in the song "Lookin' for Someone," delivers depth and a dose of danceable defiance in his best album to date.

His timely depictions of the

human condition, fueled by the never-say-die rock revolution, hit the sweet spot on lots of levels.

"Don't let the (rhymes with suckers) kill your buzz!" urges Nile — a musical mantra that's useful for so many situations.

Touches of whimsy and tender love songs buffer the uppercuts. But Nile can't stay out of the fray for long.

He grapples with greed; environmental destruction; homelessness. The title cut references a destitute boy planning a border crossing. Some intros sneak up the fuse, then — BOOM! — instant earworm.

"I, I — I, I defy you!" the band declares.

The equally rowdy, fan-inspired "Rock 'n' Roll Sister" is sheer joy.

There's also a taste of Nile's artistically licensed religious imagery.

In "Gettin' Ugly Out There," the Baby Jesus flees town on a train, wondering what he's going to "tell the Old Man." Amid angelic-sounding backing vocals, the album's finale offers hope and reassurance: One day, "All God's children gonna sing." □



This cover image released by River House Records shows "Children of Paradise," a release by Willie Nile.

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Meghan Trainor: Demi Lovato's openness has helped me

By PABLO ARAUZ PENA
Associated Press

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) —

Meghan Trainor says Demi Lovato's openness about her battles and troubles helped her cope with her own struggles.

Lovato's representative said Tuesday that the singer was recovering after she was reportedly hospitalized for an overdose.

"She actually helped me get through my stuff because I was watching her and was like, 'I know I'm not alone,'" Trainor said in an interview with The Associated Press on Thursday.

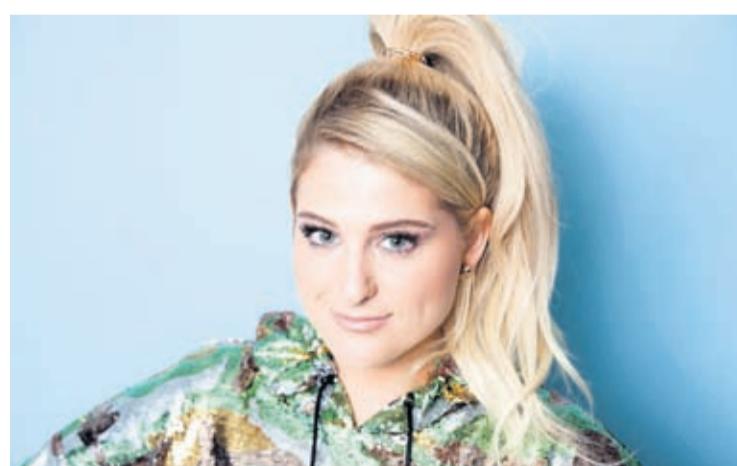
"But I can't imagine what level she's going through and what her family is going through right now. And

I just didn't know it was that bad. And I didn't know she was struggling so much."

Lovato's hospitalization comes a month after she released a new song called "Sober," indicating that she relapsed after six years of sobriety.

While Lovato has been seen as a role model for speaking openly about her issues with drugs, alcohol, depression and more, music fans have also looked up to Trainor, who has been an advocate for body positivity and has denounced bullying.

Trainor, 24, said that if she had known about Lovato's condition sooner, she would have said something.



Meghan Trainor poses for a portrait at Hotel Amarano, Thursday, July 26, 2018, in Los Angeles to promote her upcoming album, "Treat Myself."

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"I wish I could've been there more for her or reached out more and checked on her. Because I've only, like,

I sang at the Grammys with her once. And I do all these awards shows and I get to say hi a little bit."

But you just feel like, 'Ah, I wish I did something.' I wish I knew," Trainor said while promoting her album, "Treat Myself," out on Aug. 31.

"And I'm sure all her fans feel like that right now — just what can we do to help her? But I know she's just so strong," she added. "Just as a fan, I know she's so strong and she'll come back and she'll be better than ever." The entertainment world outpoured support onto Lovato this week, including Ellen DeGeneres, Bruno Mars, Lady Gaga and Ariana Grande.

In an interview Thursday, actress Shay Mitchell said she's "sending light and love" to Lovato. □



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